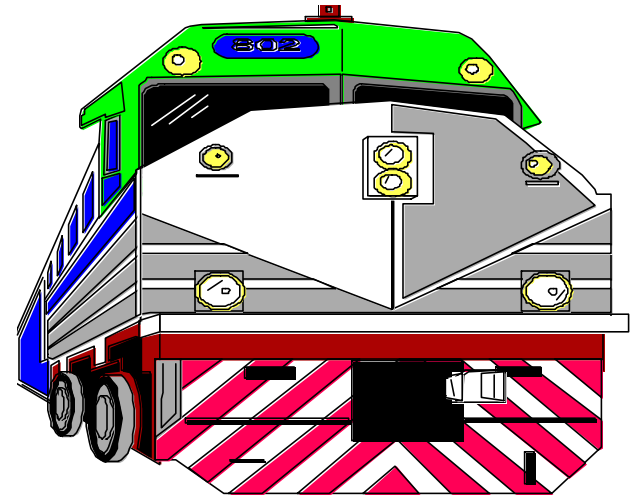


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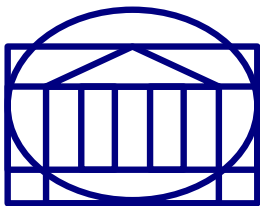
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***Agenda (Morning)***  
***March 4, 2003***

***.....A Day in the Safety of a CTC Train System***

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	INTRODUCTION	Dr. Ted C. Giras
8:30 AM - 9:45 AM	A DAY IN THE SAFETY OF A TRAIN SYSTEM	Mr. Marc E. Monfalcone
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:15 AM - 12:00 AM	ASCAP SAFETY BEHAVIOR MODELS	Dr. Lori M. kaufman
12:00 AM - 1:15 PM	LUNCH	

***Agenda (Afternoon)***  
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1:15 PM - 2:30PM	KNOWLEDGE-BASED BLACKBOARDS	Dr. Lori M. Kaufman
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	CHOICE MODEL KNOWLEDGE-BASED BLACKBOARDS	Dr. Don E. Brown
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	BREAK	
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	ASCAP WEB-based PARALLEL PROCESSING CLUSTER COMPUTER	Dr. Ron D. Williams
5:00 PM	GROUP COMMENTS & DISCUSSION	



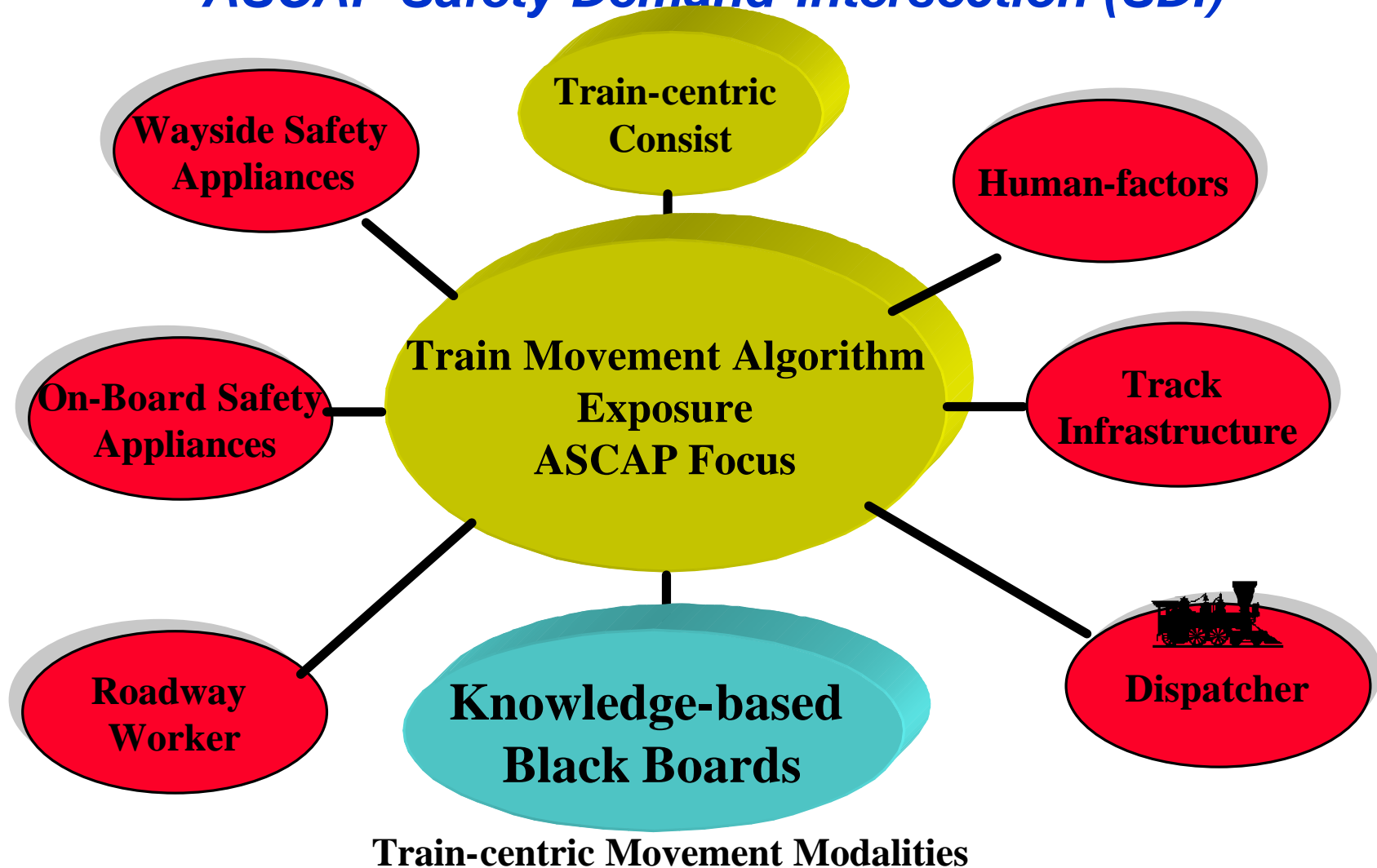
## ASCAP RSAC Tutorial Purpose

- The purpose of the ASCAP RSAC Tutorial is:
  - Demonstrate to RSAC how ASCAP is Processor-based Rule Compliant with lessons learned from the IDOT Product Safety Plan (PSP) Work-in-Progress
  - Illustrate a **Day in the Safety Demands of a Train System** . Show how ASCAP provides a Design for Safety Assessment that supports the RSAC PSP
  - Describe the ASCAP Monte Carlo Simulation Safety Demand architecture:
    - ◆ Train Movement Model Determines Exposure
    - ◆ Safety Demand-Intersection (SDI) models,
    - ◆ Rule Book Knowledge Compliance – Non Compliance – Human-factors
    - ◆ Model (s) data base requirements: Objects & Agents
    - ◆ Design for Safety Product Safety Plan (PSP) information
  - Provide insight into the Safety Results Information available such as:
    - ◆ Risk (Societal Cost) versus Train Miles Traveled: Severity Model
    - ◆ Events Passed at Danger Logs - Safety State Histograms
    - ◆ Rule Book Compliance – Human-factors

## Definitions

- **Continuous Simulation:** Describes physical behavior with dynamic equations that are solved numerically with respect to continuous time
- **Discrete Event Simulation:** Describes discrete events with the aid of algorithmic relationships that cause changes of state at discrete points
- **Events Passed at Danger:** Train has passed a discrete event whose state has created a potential danger for the Train as it travels along the track infrastructure
- **Knowledge-based Black Boards:** Operations rule book working memory that relates probabilistic object & agent behavior to train handling modalities controlled by an agenda scheduler that for ASCAP is a Monte Carlo process
- **Monte Carlo:** A heuristic probabilistic and sampling simulation method
- **Safety Demand-Intersection Model:** Safety state is determined at discrete spatial track intervals as a Train intersects with the appliance
- **Stochastic:** A random variable that has a probabilistic distribution usually with finite variance

## ASCAP Safety Demand-Intersection (SDI)



## ***ASCAP Safety Assessment PSP Credible Evidences***

- ***Decision Maker Info:*** Risk (Societal Cost) versus Train Miles Traveled
- ***Validation:*** Hazard-free String Chart Train Movements
- ***Verification:*** Non Hazard-free String Chart Train Movements
- ***Verification:*** Events Passed at Danger & Incident/Accident Severity Logs
- ***Verification:*** Safety Appliance Fail-Safe – Fail-Unsafe Coverage
- ***Verification:*** Operational, Fail-Safe and Fail-Unsafe Histograms
- ***Verification:*** Rule Book Compliance – Non Compliance
- ***Verification:*** Dispatcher, Train Crew and Roadway Worker Statistics

## ***PSP Safety-Critical Evaluation***

- PSP safety-critical evidences must be evaluated as collection of evidences with the objective:
  - Hazard-free validation of the Train Movement Exposure
  - Non hazard-free verification of Probabilistic & Continuous Behaviors
  - Verification of the Risk versus Train Miles Traveled evidences

## ASCAP TEAM PRESENTATION

**STRING CHART**  
**TRAIN MOVMENT**  
**EXPOSURE**

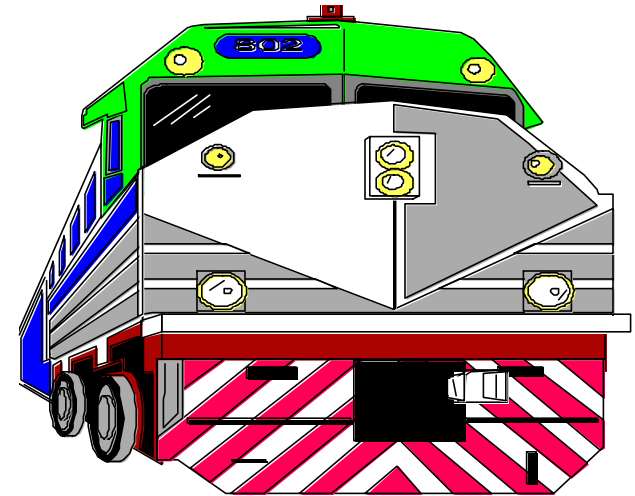
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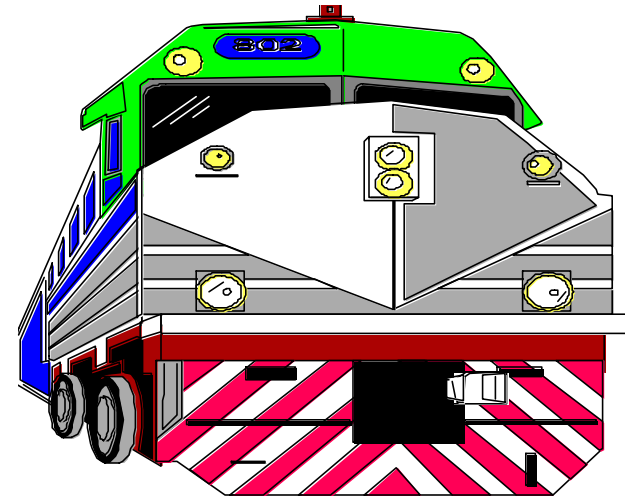
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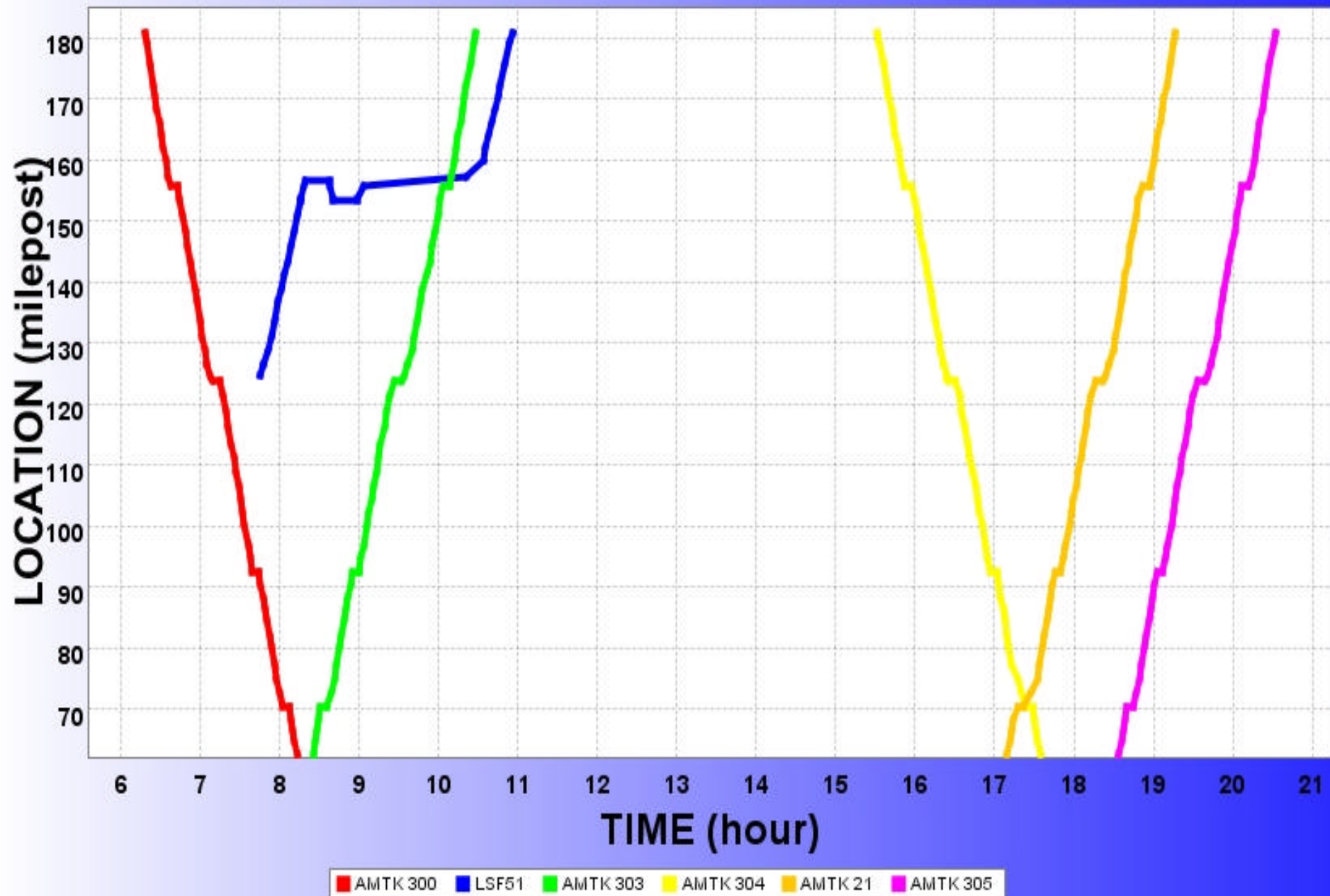
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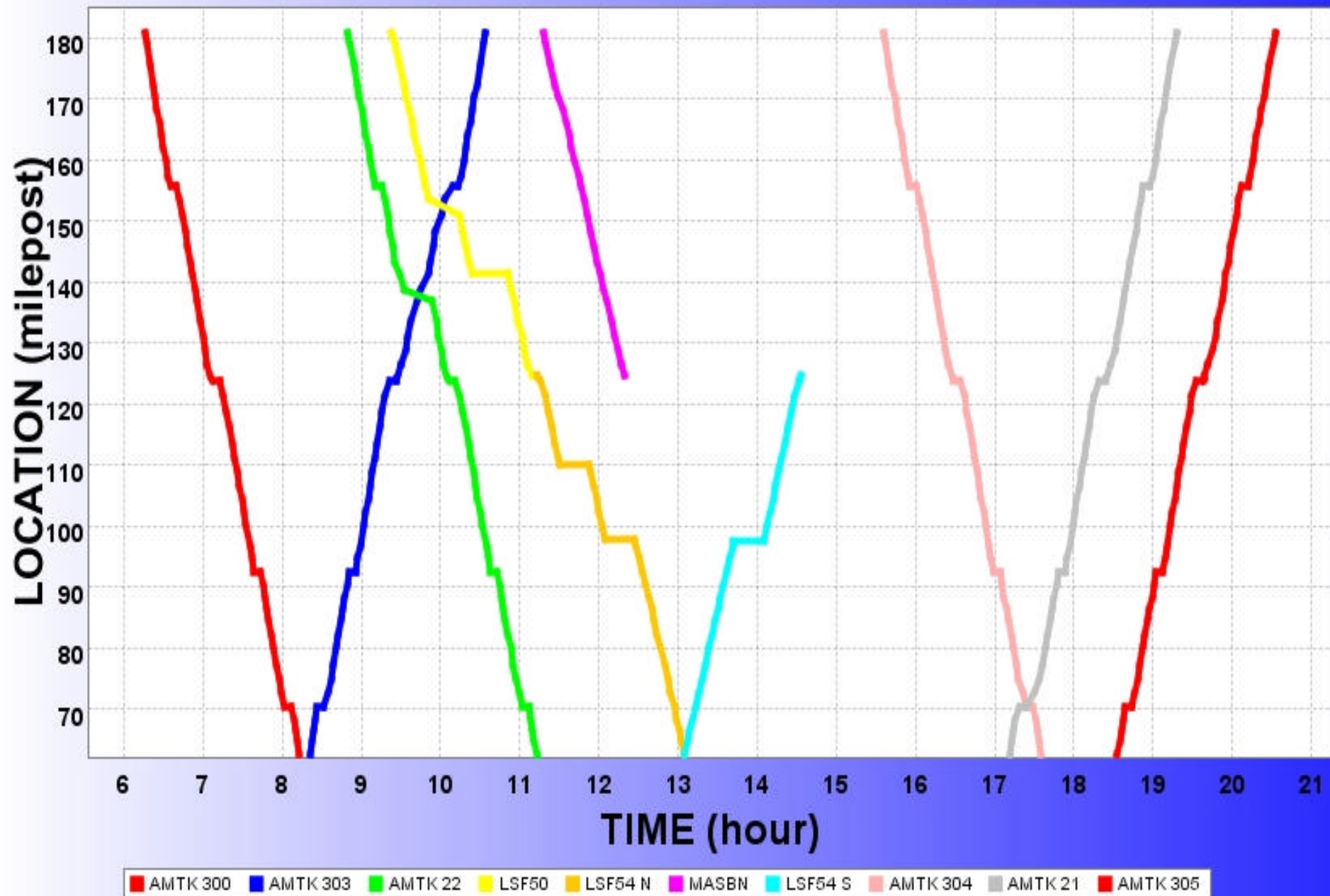
- Illustrate a week in the life of the territory.
- Simulation output has been compared to actual traffic data from the corridor.
- Simulation has been peer reviewed by Labor.
  - An Amtrak Engineer, with twelve years of experience on the territory, was able to pick out trains by name, while looking at the string charts.
- Simulation output follows, one week of traffic.

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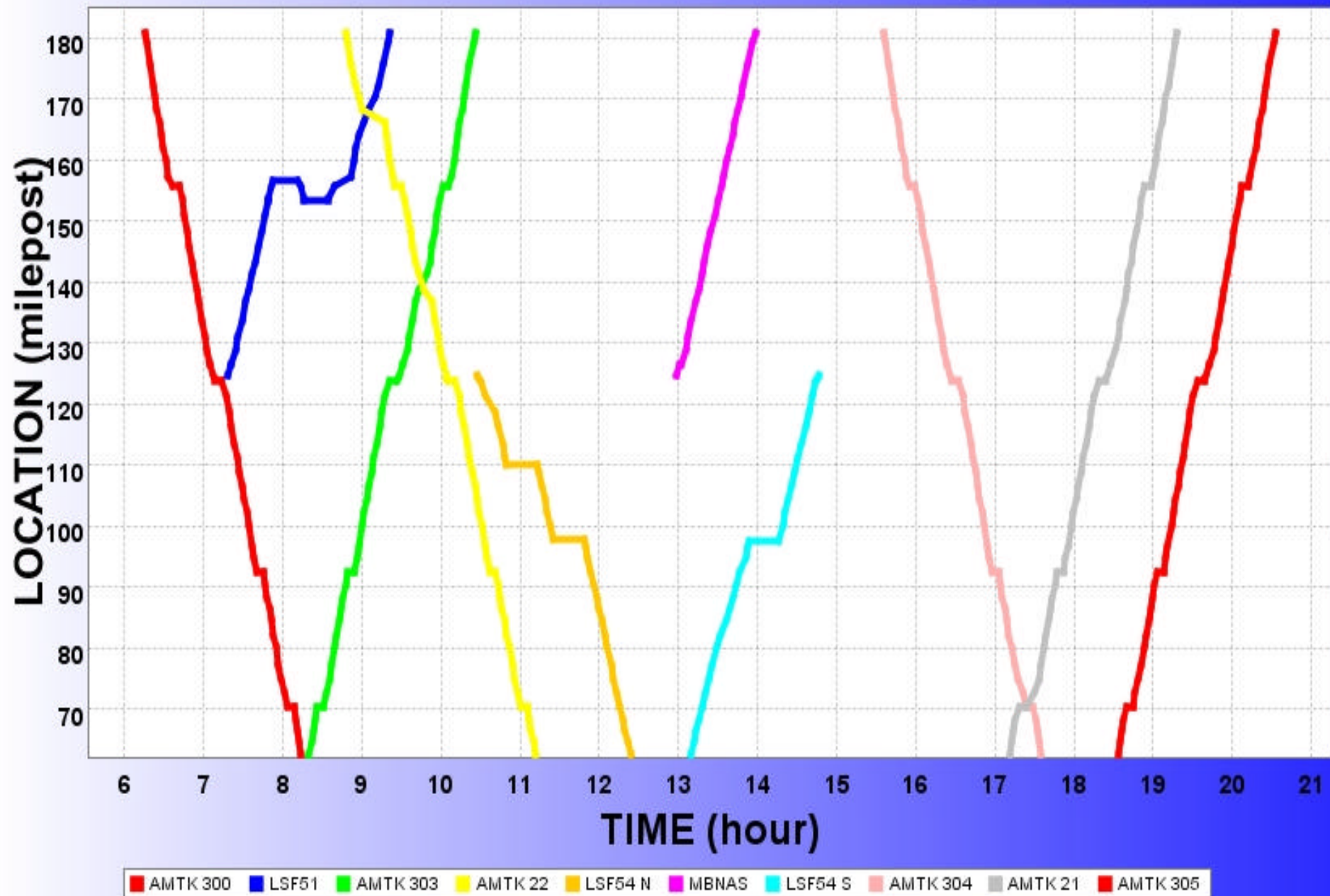




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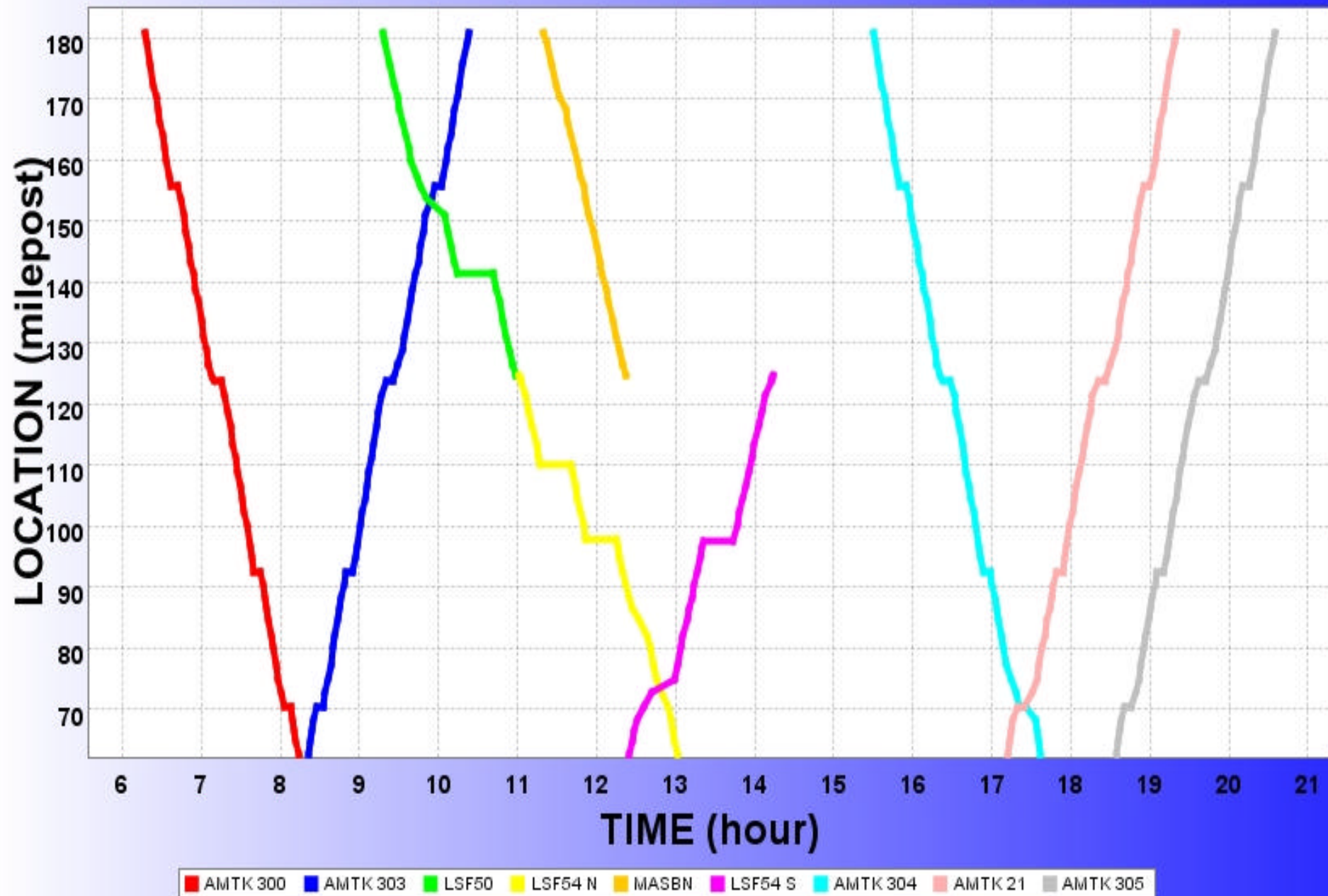


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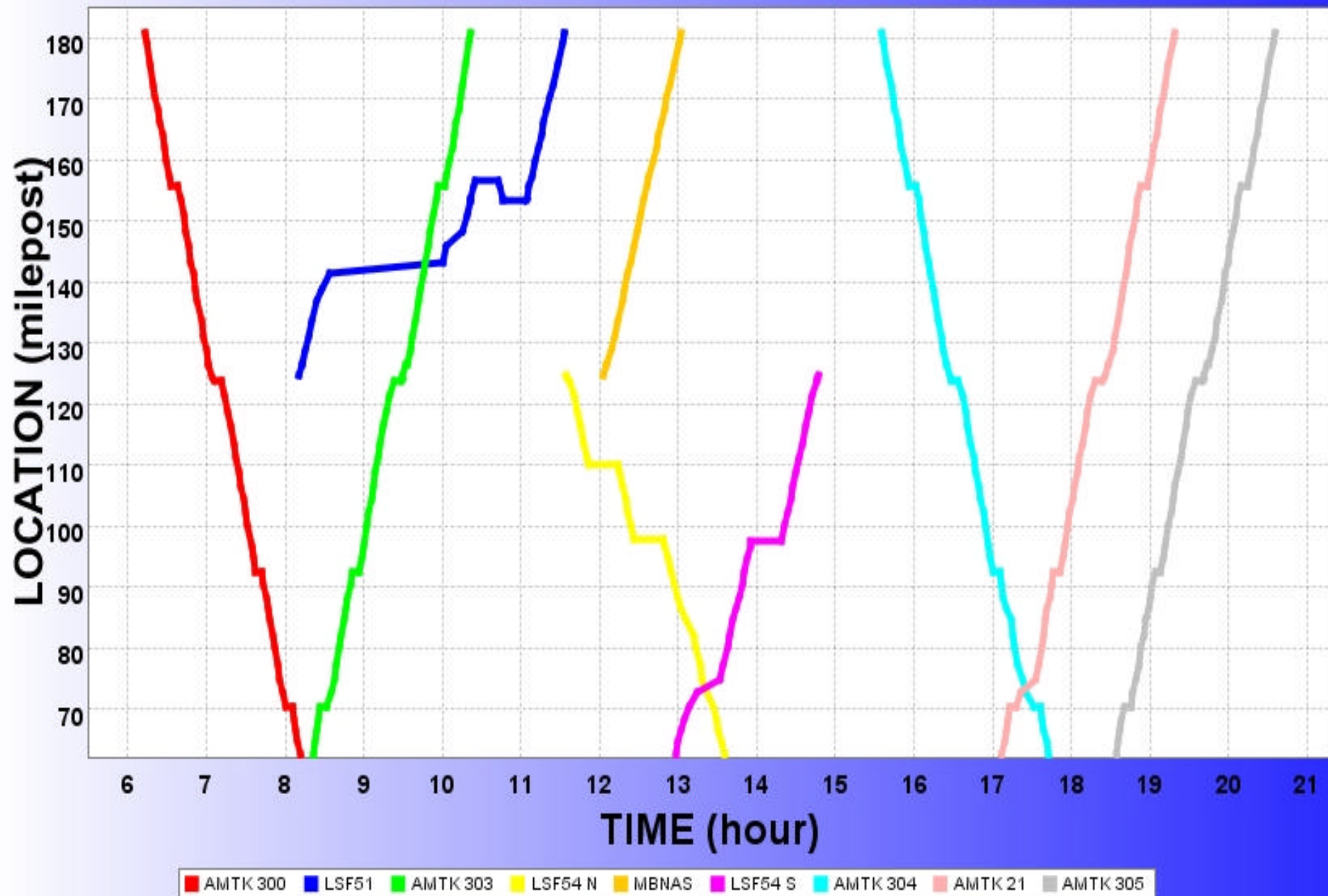




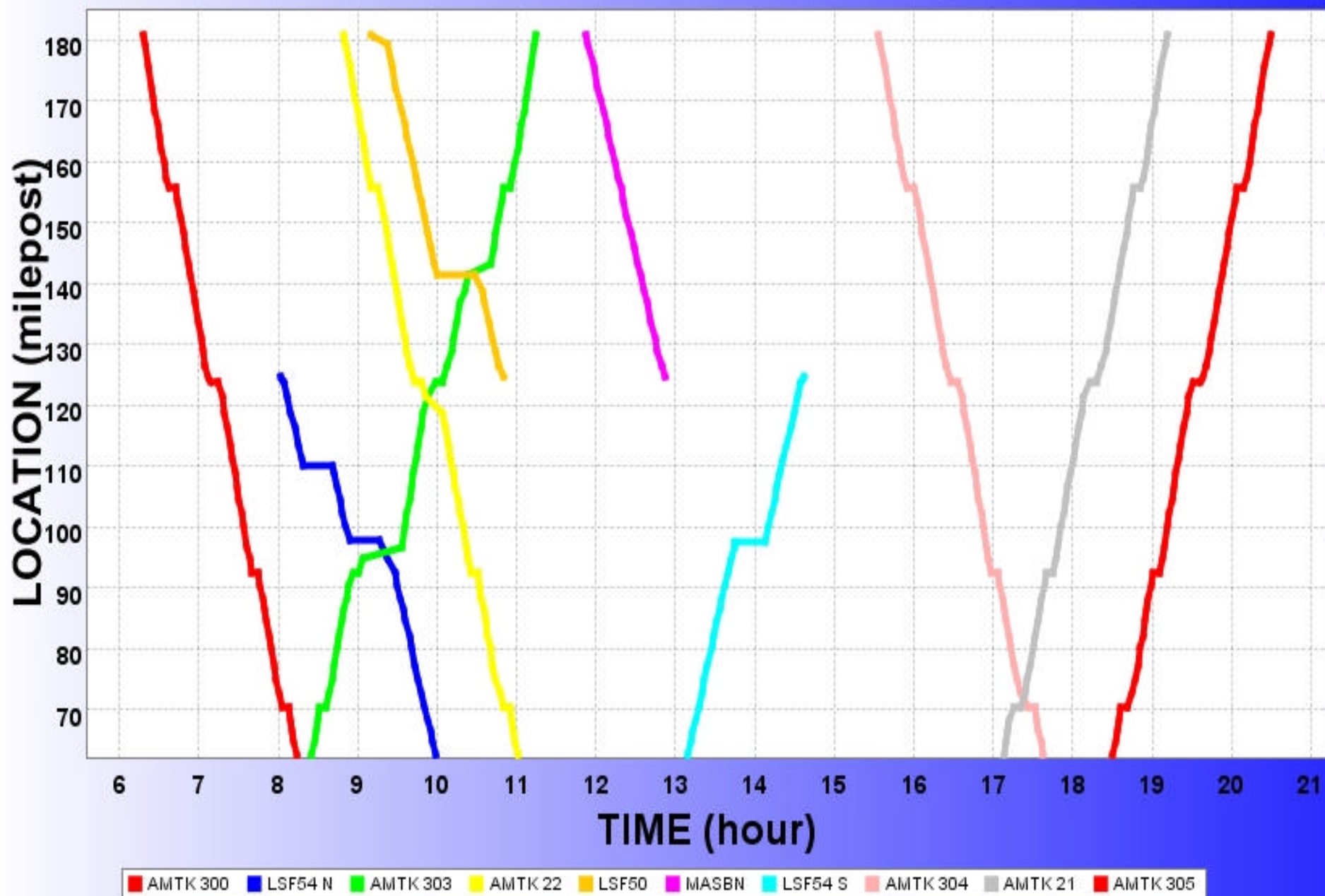
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## IDOT Chart for Thursday

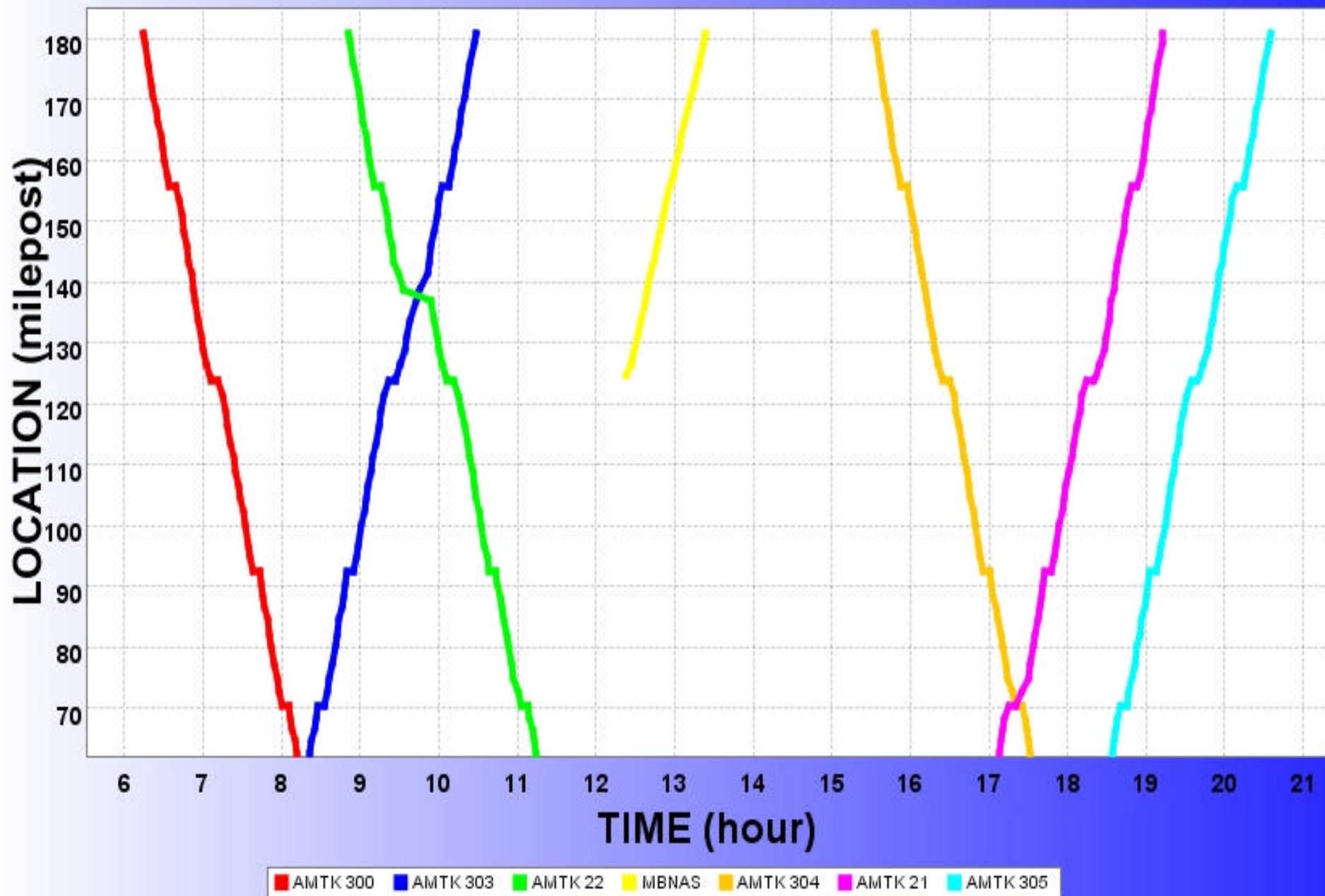


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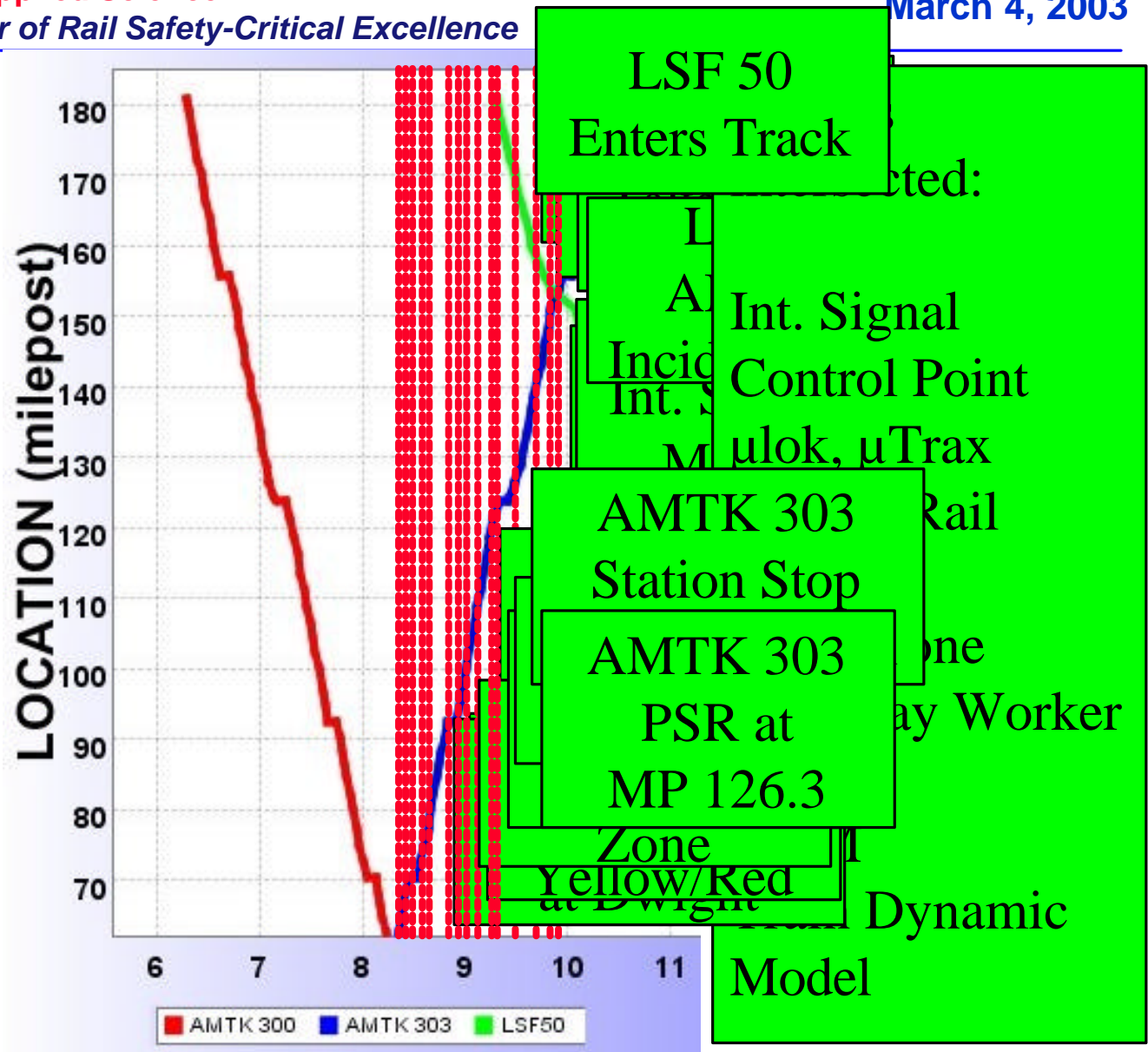


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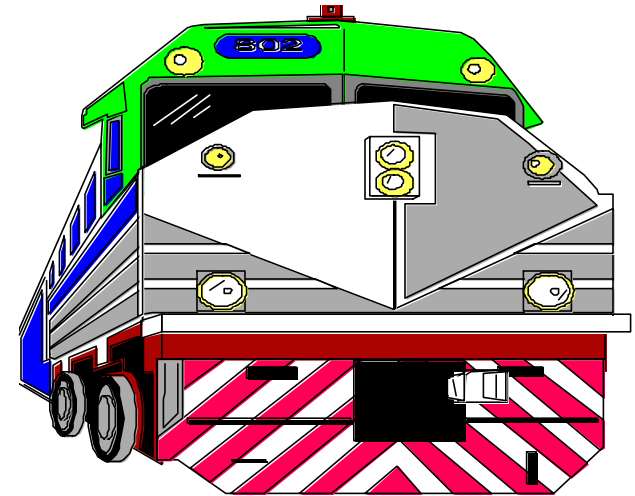
## ***A Day in the Safety Life of a Train System***

- The following slides show a typical trip by two trains, and what interactions each train had as they come up to an eventual meet.
- String chart taken from the previous data for Wednesday, showing AMTK 303 and LSF 50





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# ***ASCAP SAFETY BEHAVIOR MODELS***

***Dr. Lori M. Kaufman***

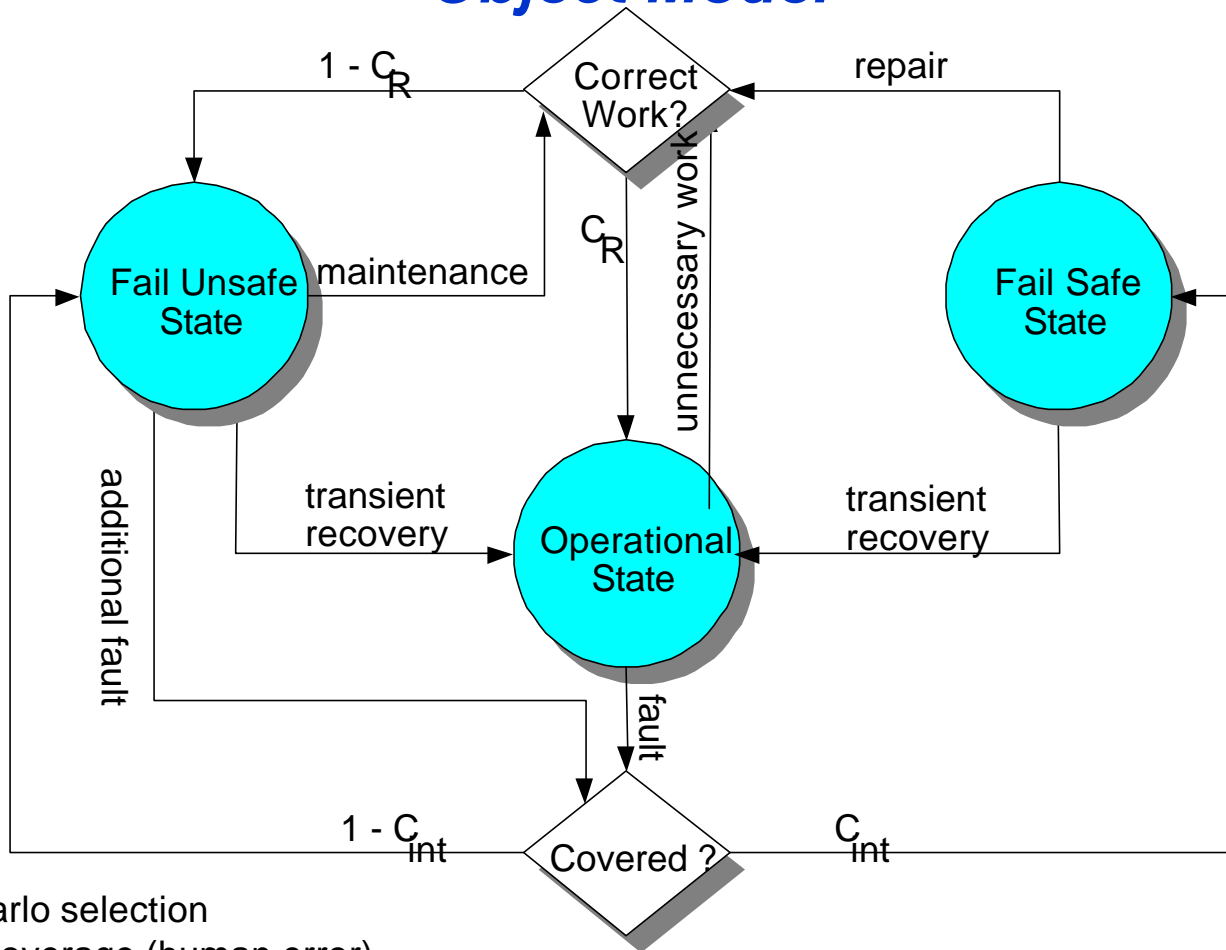
## ***Train Movement Model (TMM)***

- TMM is the foundation algorithm of ASCAP that determines Exposure
- Incorporates railroad schedules
  - Freight
  - Passenger
  - Work equipment
- Incorporates railroad scheduling practices
- Incorporates railroad operational procedures

## *Train Dynamic Model*

- ASCAP partitions movement into three (3) distinct models
  - Average speed polynomial model
  - Linear acceleration/deceleration model
  - Dynamic movement model

## Object Model

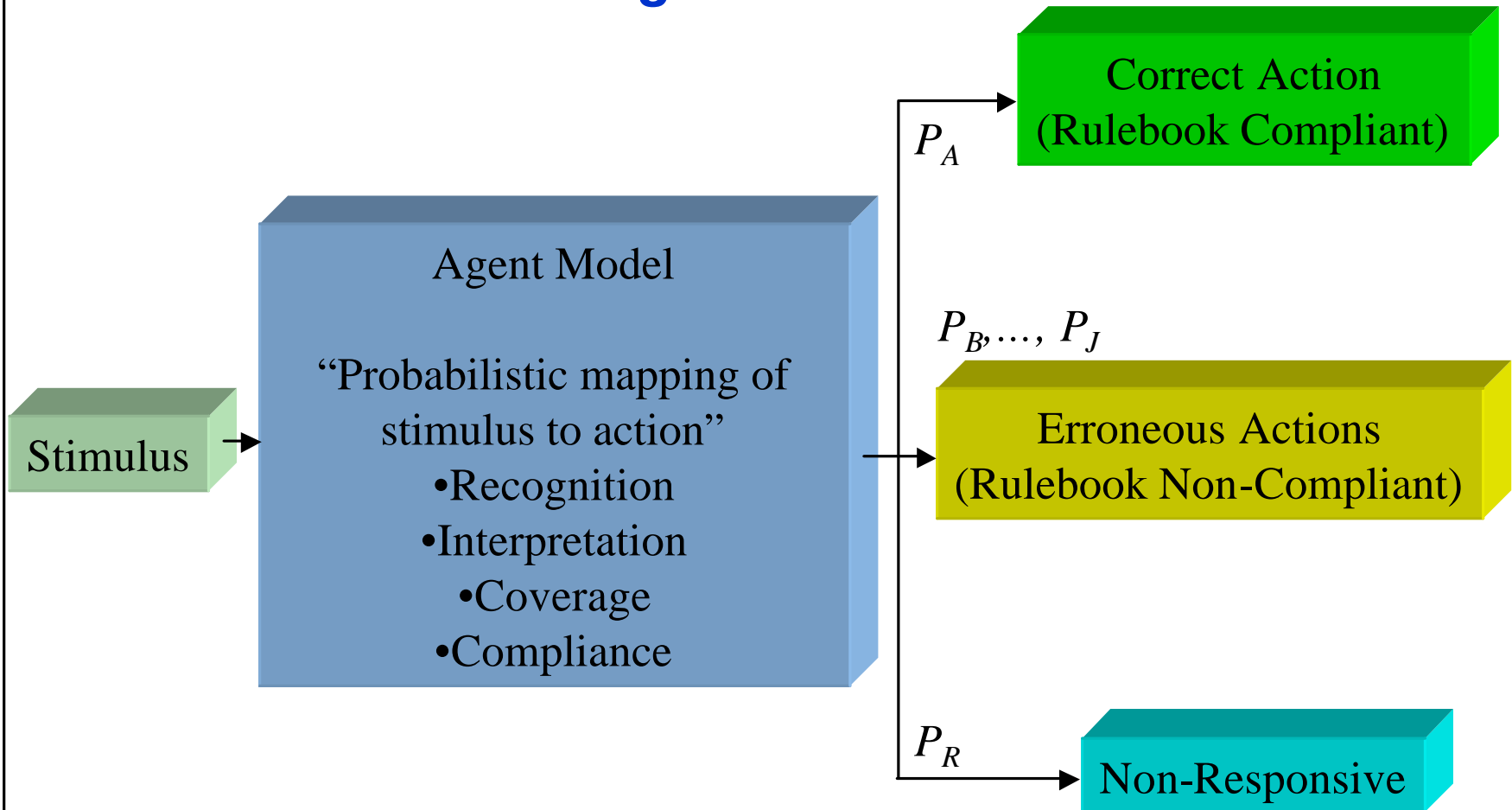


### Legend

- ◇ Monte Carlo selection
- $C_R$ : Repair coverage (human error)
- $C_{int}$ : Internal fault coverage



## Agent Model



## *Knowledge Based Blackboards*

$F(\text{Object State \& Agent Behavior})$



### Movement Modality

- Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
- Erroneous Action (Rulebook Non-Compliant)
  - Non responsive

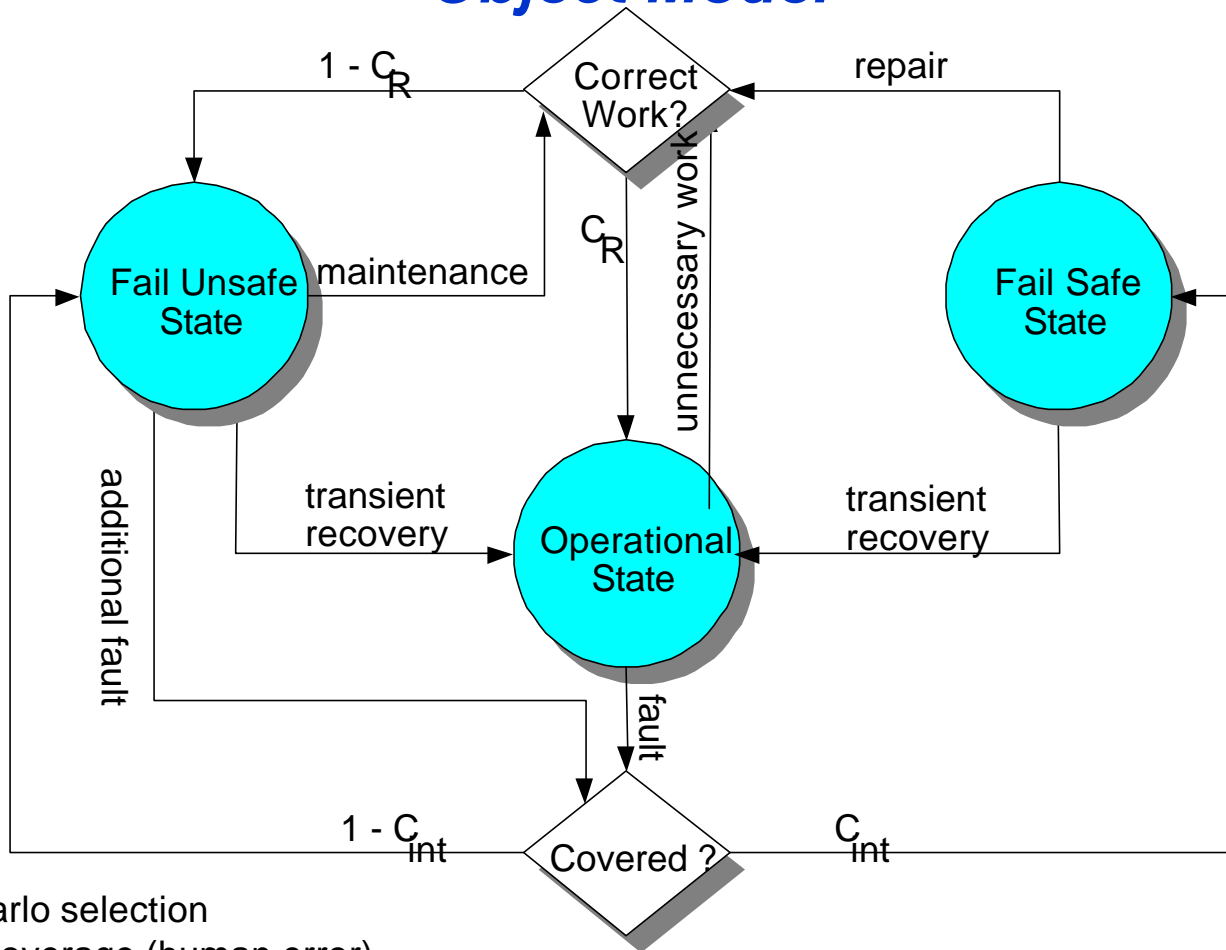
## ***Events Passed at Danger (EPAD)***

- Identify train exposure to either an agent violation or an object hazard
- Indicate the potential for an Incident/Accident condition
  - Simulation trigger to check Incident/Accident conditions
  - Either precede or are coincident with a Incident/Accident
  - EPAD's equivalent to PHA list
- EPAD log content derived from FRA and NTSB accident report forms
- Evolving enhancements per FRA guidance
  - Code Yellow
  - Code Red

## ***Safety Model Integration***

- ASCAP integrates safety models
  - Simulation process defines movement
- Typical Agent-to-Object example
  - 3-Lamp Control Point Signal

## Object Model

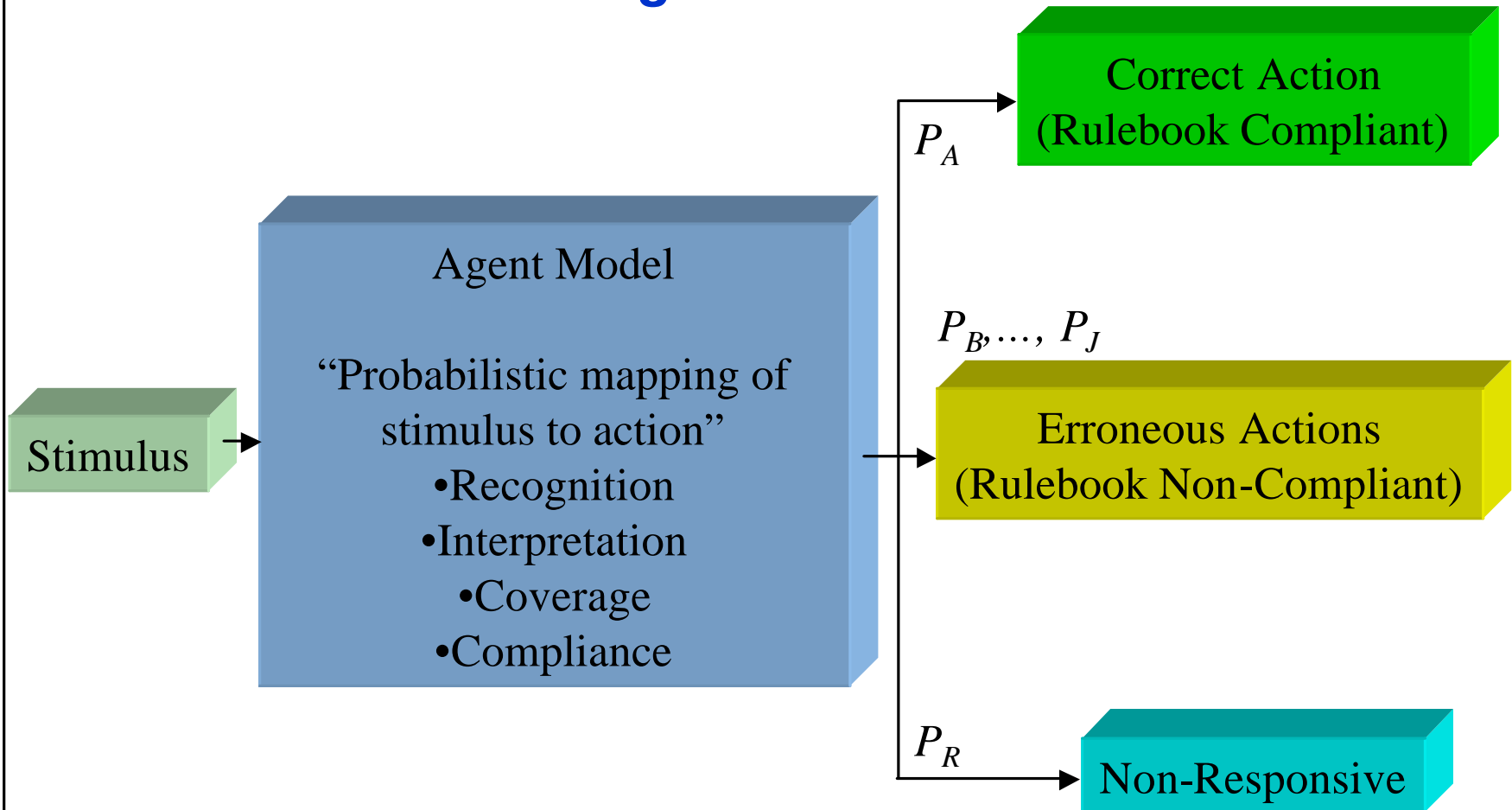


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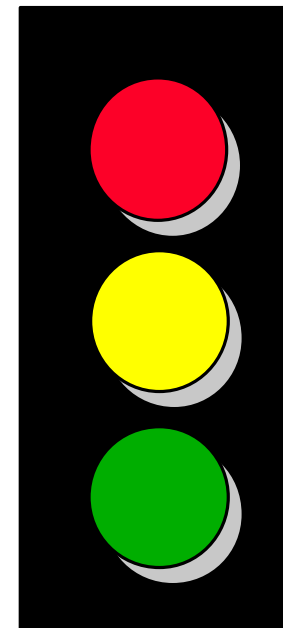


## Agent Model

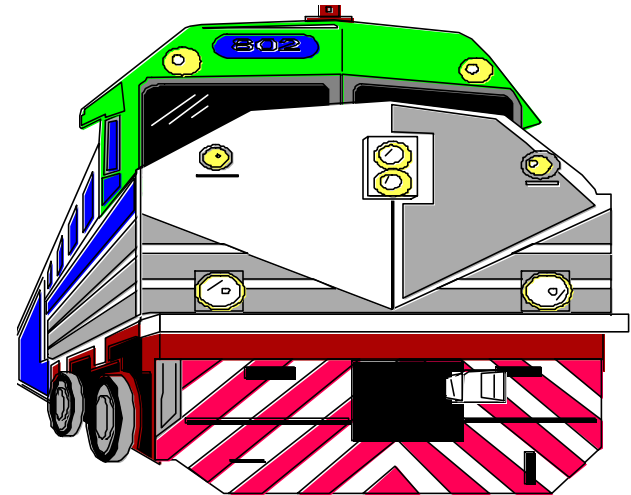


## 3-Lamp Control Point Signal

- Single signal head
  - Three (3) lamps
    - ◆ Red
    - ◆ Yellow
    - ◆ Green
  - Five (5) permissible aspects
    - ◆ Red
    - ◆ Flashing Red
    - ◆ Yellow
    - ◆ Flashing Yellow
    - ◆ Green



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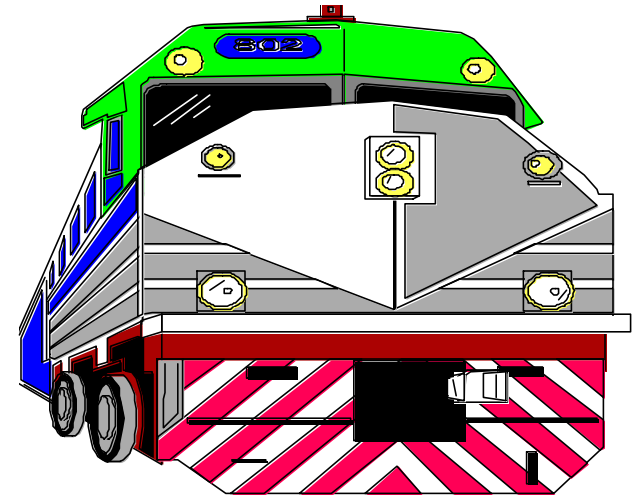


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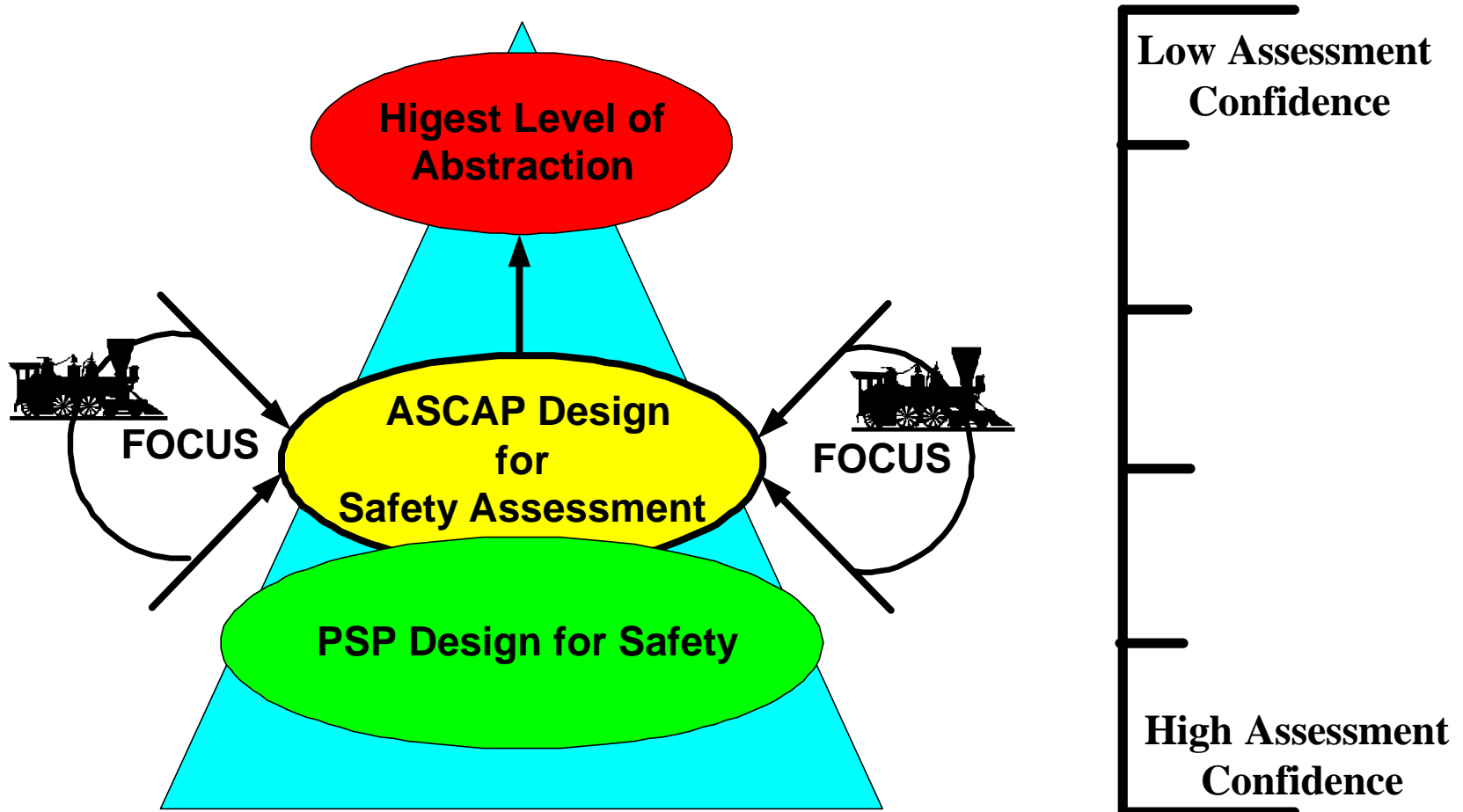
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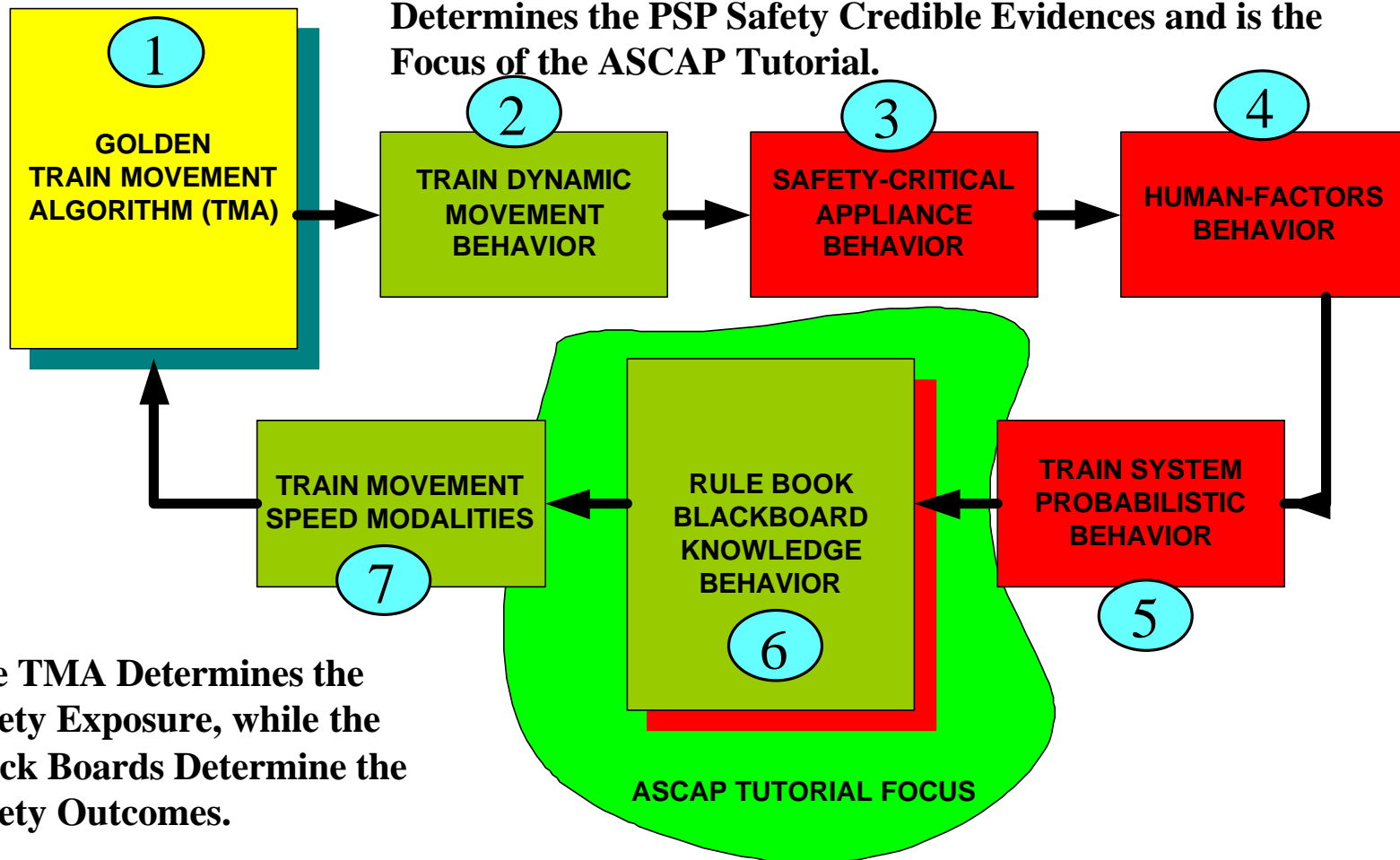


## ***Basic Principles of Design for Safety Assessment***

- Large-scale Train Movement Stochastic Simulation Determines the Safety Exposure
- Track Infrastructure and Physical Safety Appliances are Object-oriented
- Dispatcher, Train Crews and Roadway Workers are Agent-oriented
- ASCAP N-Train Methodology is Train-centric to Mitigate Safety State Explosion
- Monte Carlo Stochastic Demand-Intersection Safety Simulation Methodology
- Train Dynamic Movement: Discrete Event and Continuous Simulation
- Rule Book Knowledge-based Compliance and Non-Compliance: A Knowledge-based Blackboard Approach that Determines Train Speed Modalities
- Events Passed at Danger Logging Equivalent to Fault Trees
- ASCAP Implementation is Unified Modeling Language (UML) Compliant

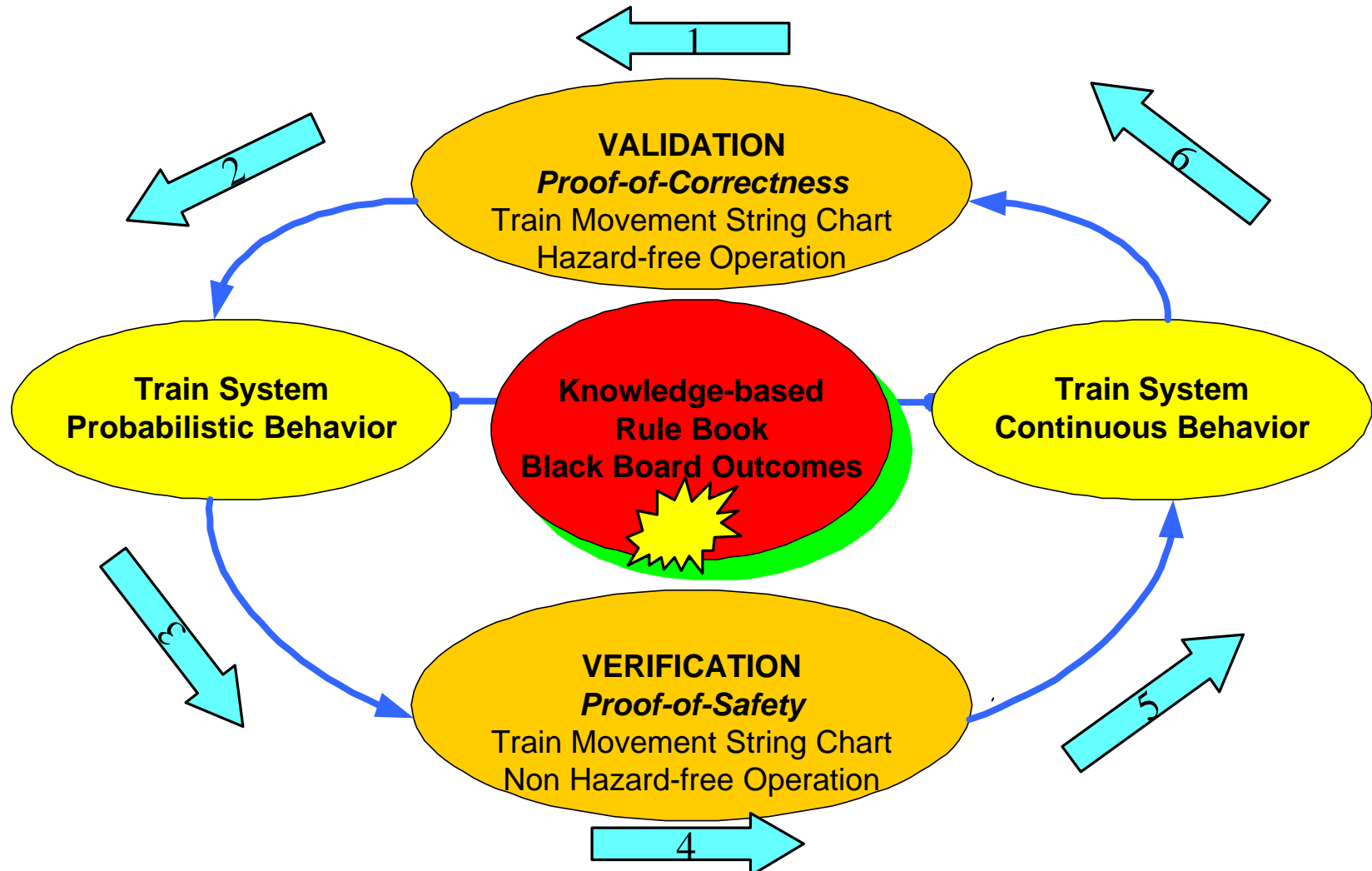
## ...A Control System Simulation View of ASCAP

The Rule Book Black Board Knowledge-based Behavior Determines the PSP Safety Credible Evidences and is the Focus of the ASCAP Tutorial.



The TMA Determines the Safety Exposure, while the Black Boards Determine the Safety Outcomes.

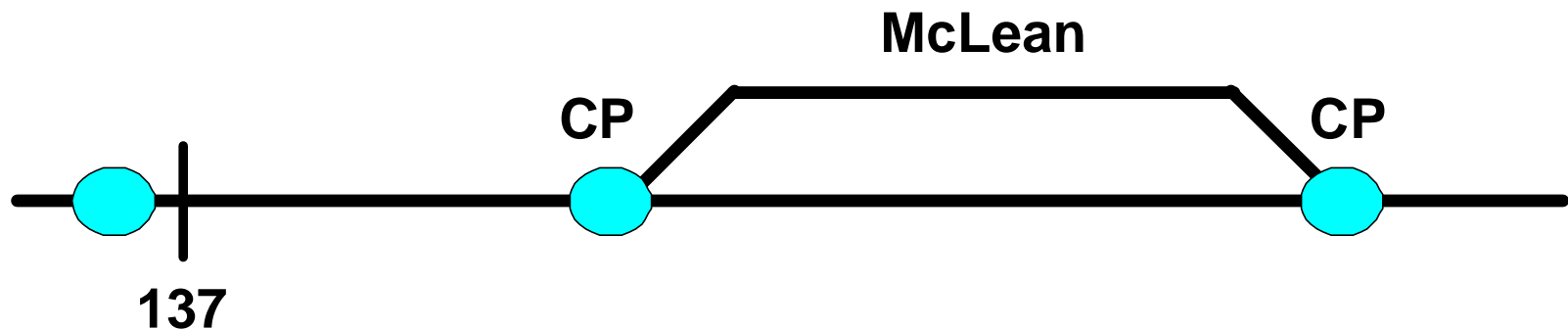
## Typical PSP Credible Evidences Evaluation Process



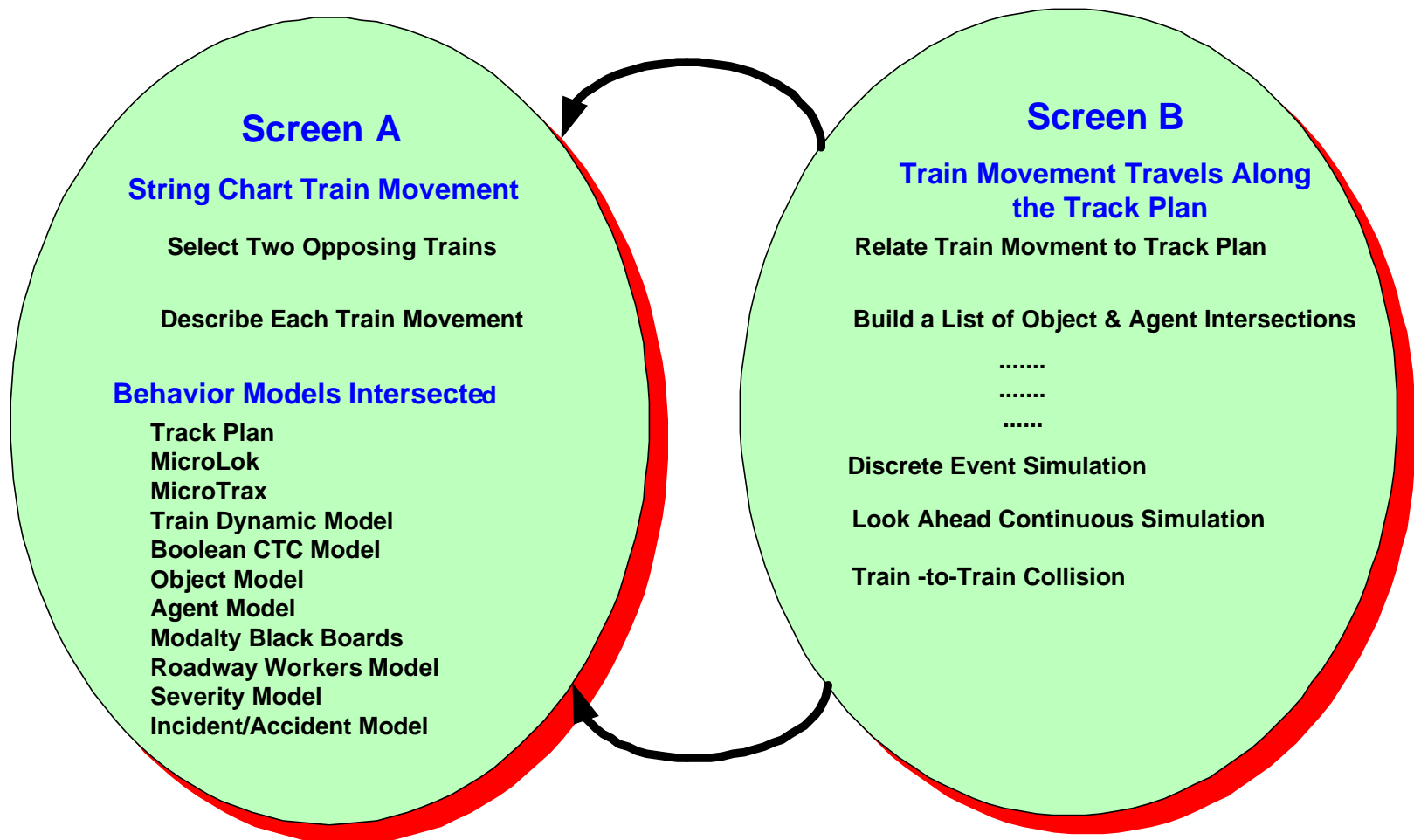


## *How Do We Obtain Safety Credible Evidences ?*

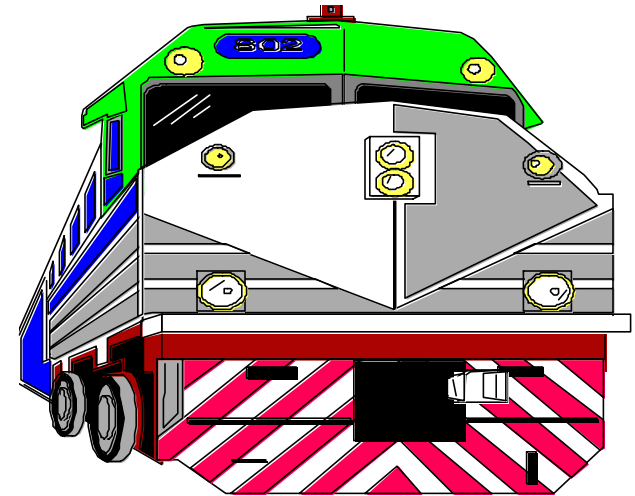
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## Dual Train Movement Scenario



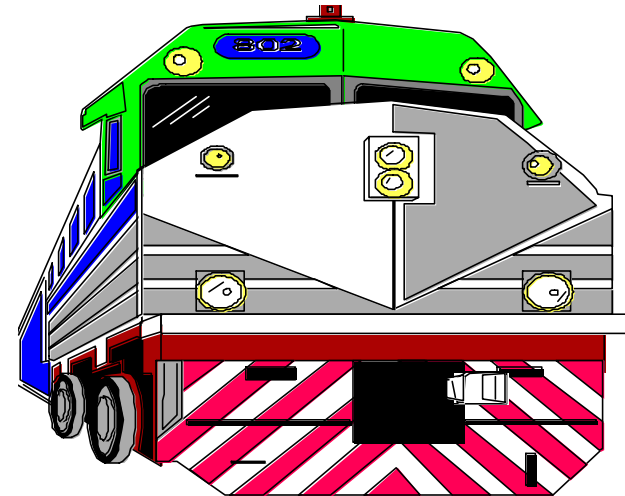
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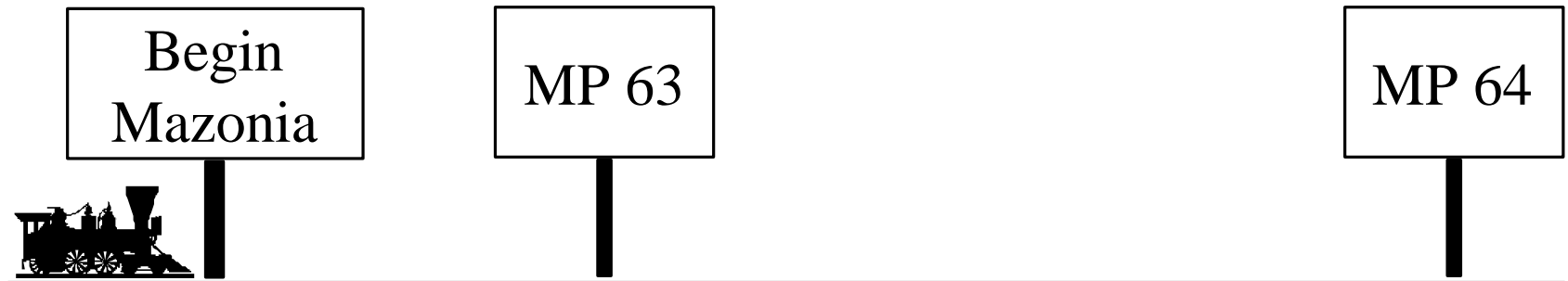


## ***A Day in the Safety Life of a Train System***

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- This presentation identifies the interactions between objects and agents for each of the trains.

## *AMTK 303 Enters Track*

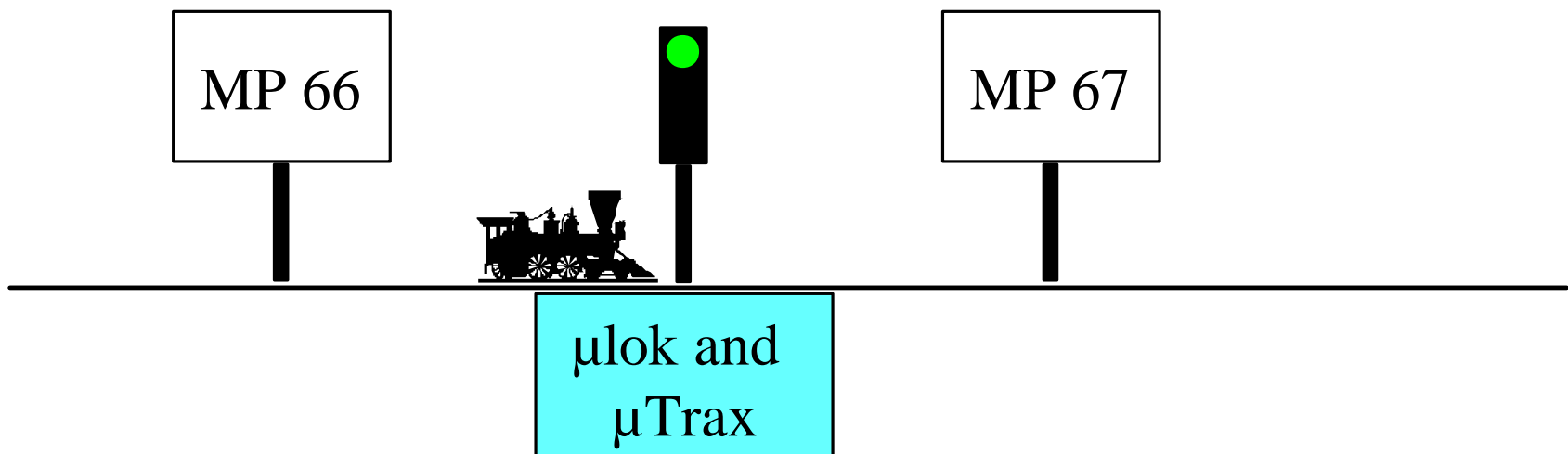
- Train Crew asks Dispatcher for permission to enter territory.
- Dispatcher looks ahead for other traffic and assigns route to AMTK 303.
- Train crew accelerates to posted speed.
- Models Intersected: Dispatcher, Train Crew, TMM





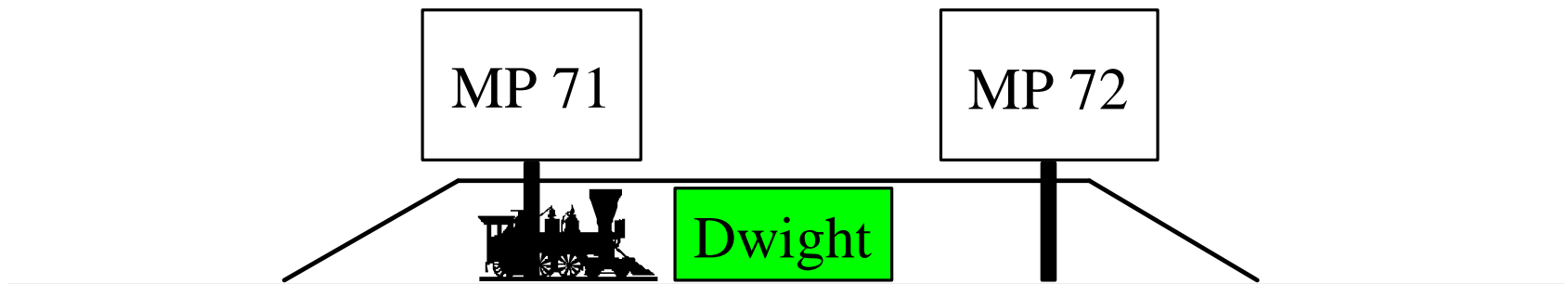
## AMTK 303 – Intermediate Signal at MP 66.5

- Train crew recognizes “Proceed” aspect displayed on intermediate signal when they enter visual range.
- Train Crew Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.1: Proceed at posted speed
- Models Intersected: Signal, Microlok, MicroTrax, Train Crew



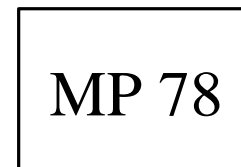
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- AMTK 303 has a short stop at Dwight.
- After waiting, 303 restarts route.
  - Routing decisions may have been updated while train was stopped.
- Models Intersected: Train Crew



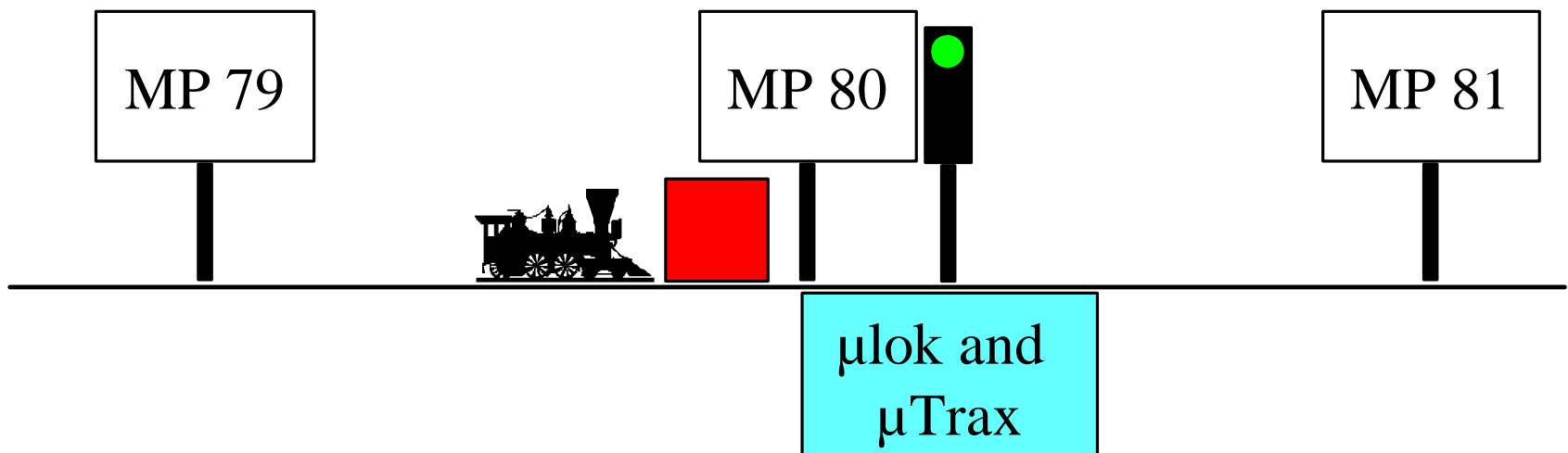
## AMTK 303 – Sees Yellow/Red Flag

- Train crew sees Yellow/Red flag on wayside, corresponding to work zone ahead.
  - GCOR 5.4.3: Place a yellow-red flag two (2) miles before the restricted area.
- Train Crew Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - GCOR 5.4.3: Crew members must be prepared to stop short of a red flag in two (2) miles.
- Models Intersected: Work Crew, Train Crew



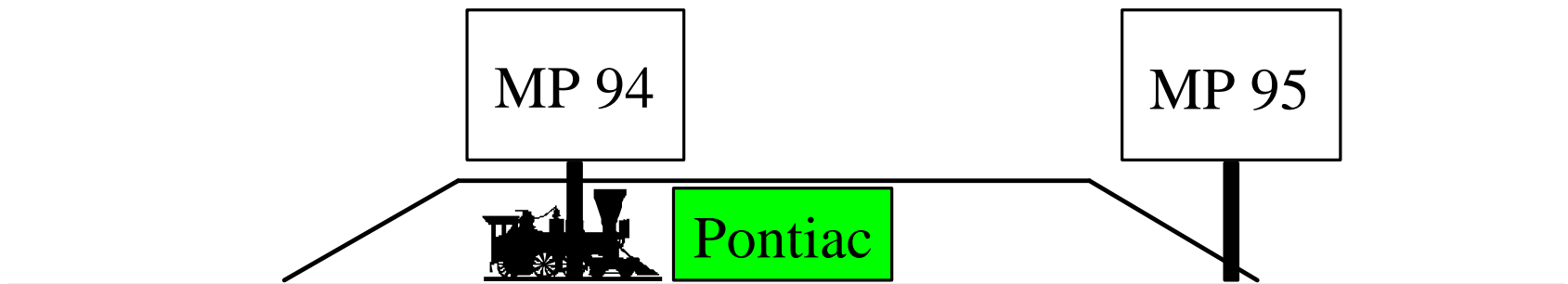
## AMTK 303 – Enters Work Zone

- Train Crew Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - GCOR 5.4.7: Train must stop short of red flag
  - GCOR ?: Contact dispatcher for permission to enter work zone.
- Dispatcher Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - GCOR ?: Allow train to pass at restricted when track cleared
- Train Crew Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - GCOR ?: Travel at restricted speed set by EIC until rear of train passes end of restricted area
- Models Intersected: Work Crew, Train Crew, Work Crew EiC, Work Zone



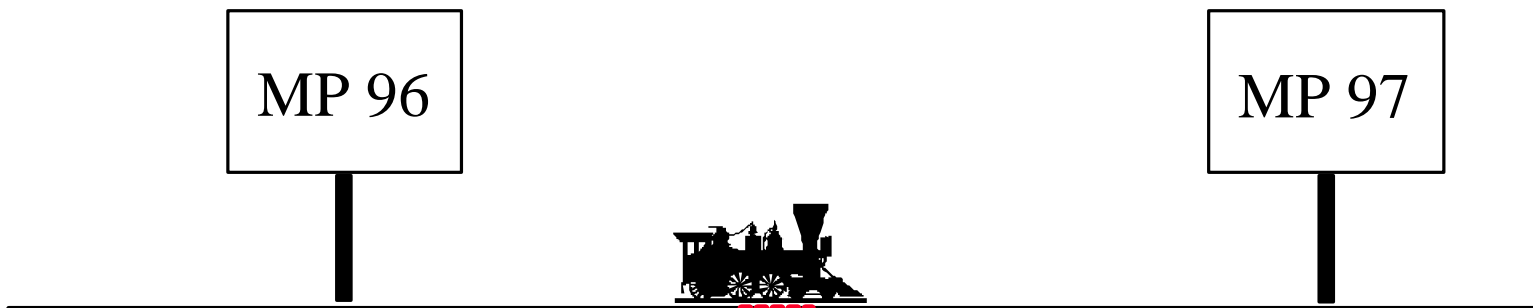
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- AMTK 303 has a short stop at Pontiac.
- After waiting, 303 restarts route.
  - Routing decisions may have been updated while train was stopped.
- Models Intersected: Train Crew



## ***AMTK 303 – Intersection with FUS Rail***

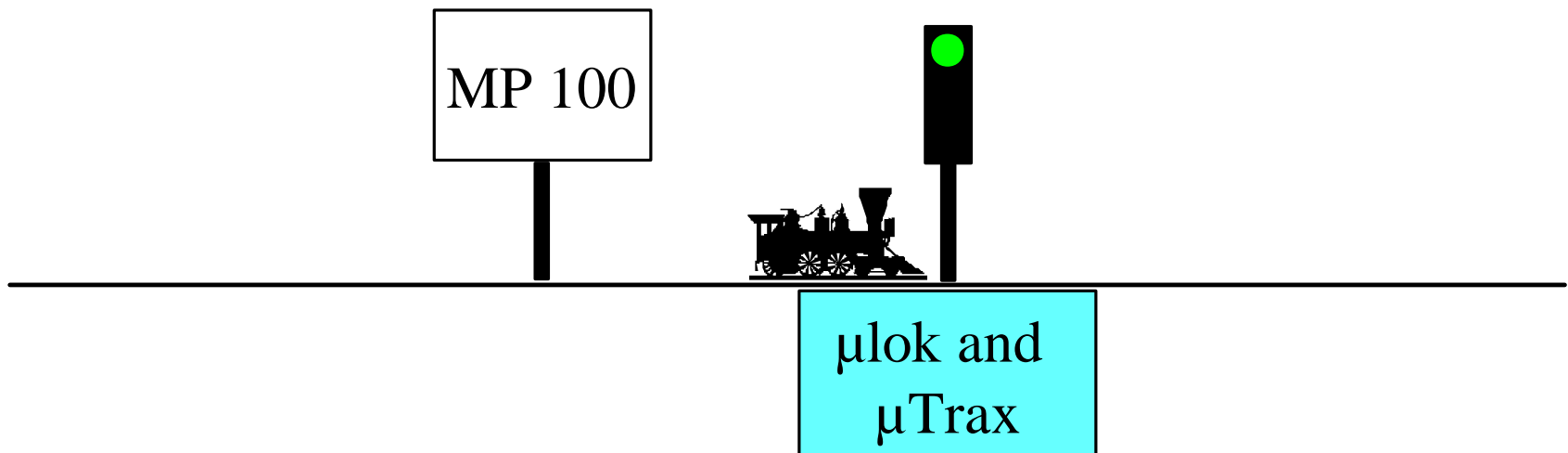
- Broken rail object model has determined that the rail has failed unsafely under AMTK 303.
- However, the model determines that no incident/accident results from the rail break, and movement continues.
- Models Intersected: Broken Rail





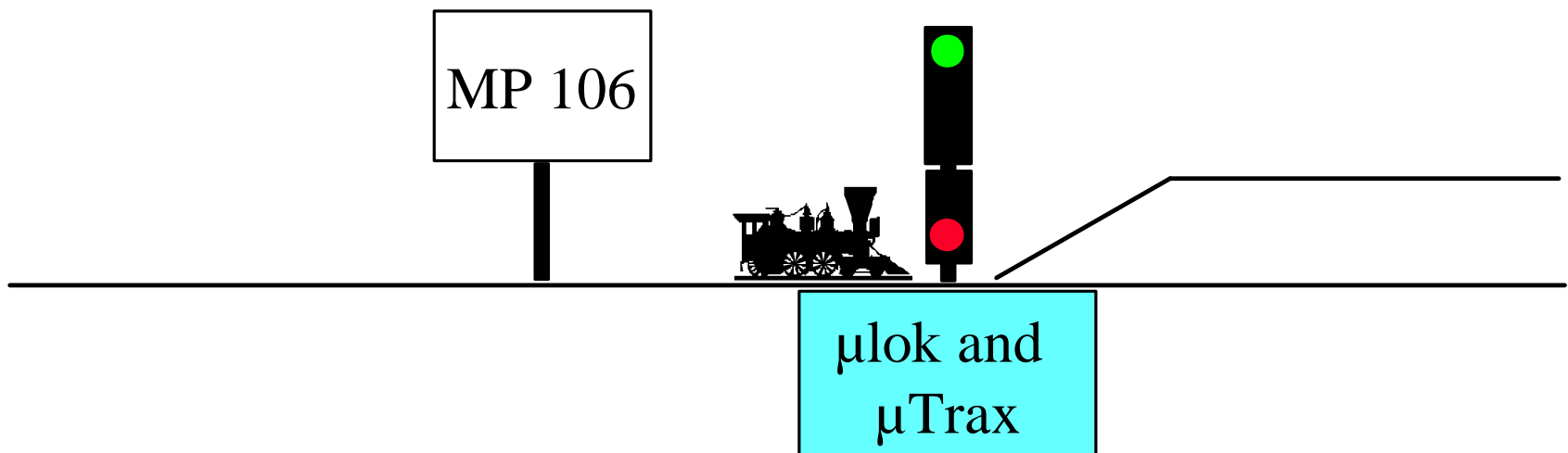
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- Train crew recognizes “Proceed” aspect displayed on intermediate signal when they enter visual range.
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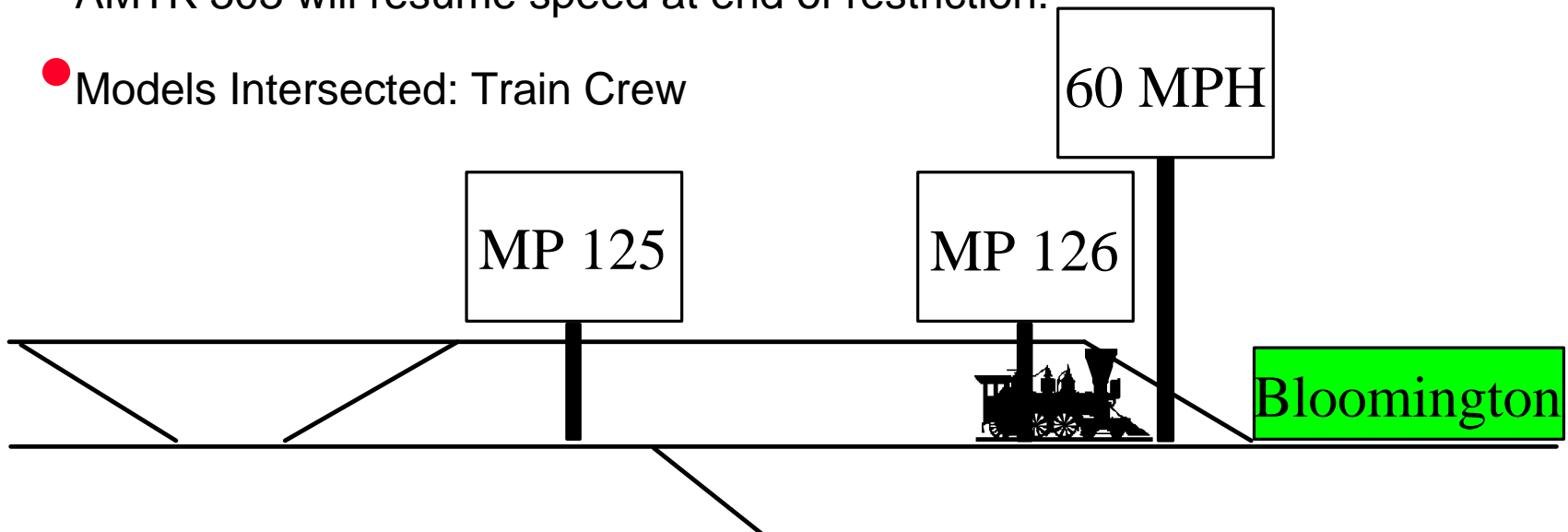
## AMTK 303 – Control Point at Ballard

- Train crew recognizes “Proceed” aspect displayed on 5-Lamp Control Point signal when they enter visual range.
- Train Crew Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.1: Proceed at posted speed
- Models Intersected: Control Point, Switch, Microlok, MicroTrax, Train Crew, Dispatcher



## AMTK 303 – Permanent Speed Restriction at MP 126.3

- Train crew recognizes permanent speed restriction of 60 MPH when they enter visual range.
- Train Crew Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.1: Proceed at posted speed
- AMTK 303 will resume speed at end of restriction.
- Models Intersected: Train Crew

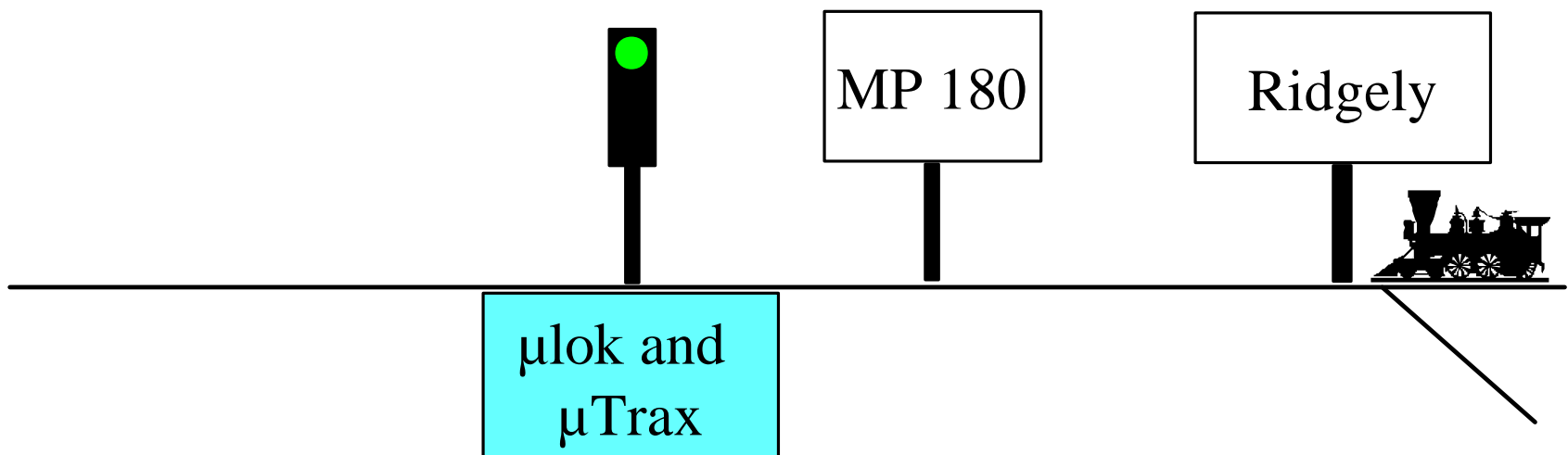


## *LSF 50 Enters Track*

- Train Crew asks Dispatcher for permission to enter territory.
- Dispatcher looks ahead for other traffic and assigns route to LSF 50

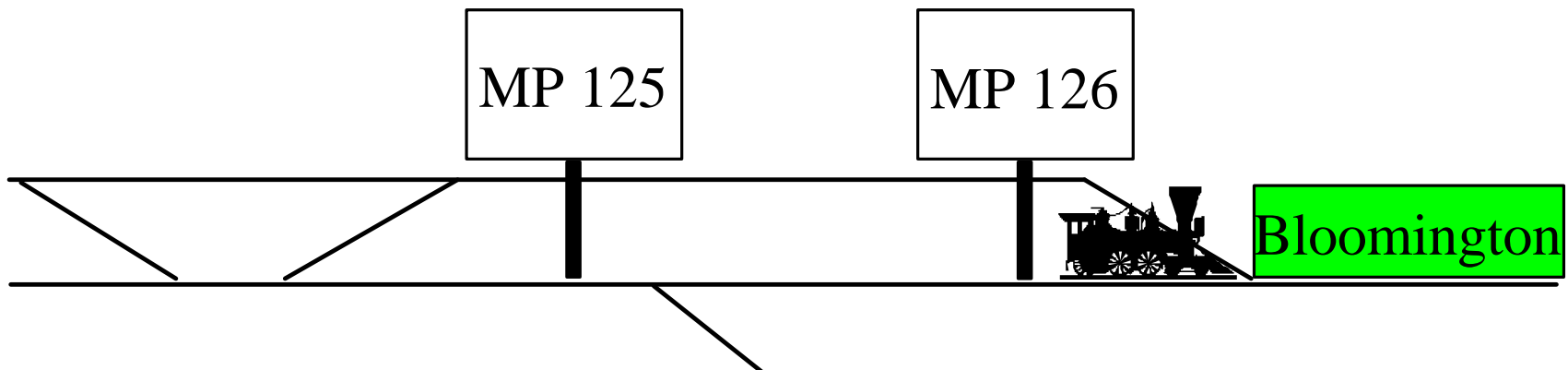
### *Preparing for meet with AMTK 303*

- Models Intersected: Train Crew, Dispatcher, TMM



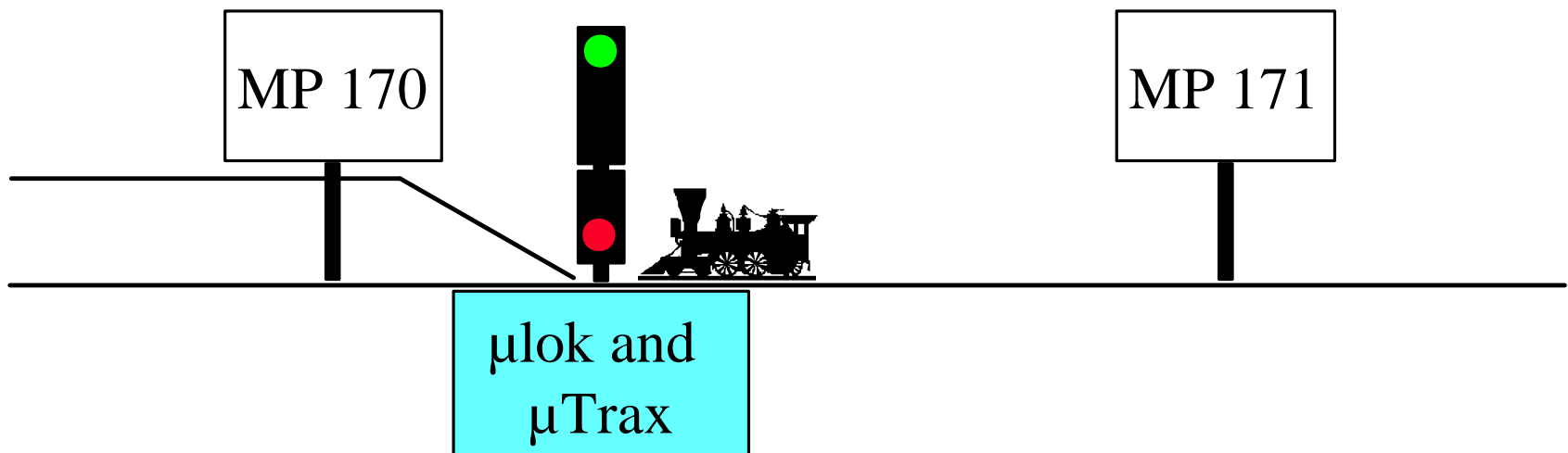
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- After waiting, 303 restarts route.
  - Routing decisions may have been updated while train was stopped.
- Models Intersected: Train Crew



## LSF 50 – Control Point at Elkhart

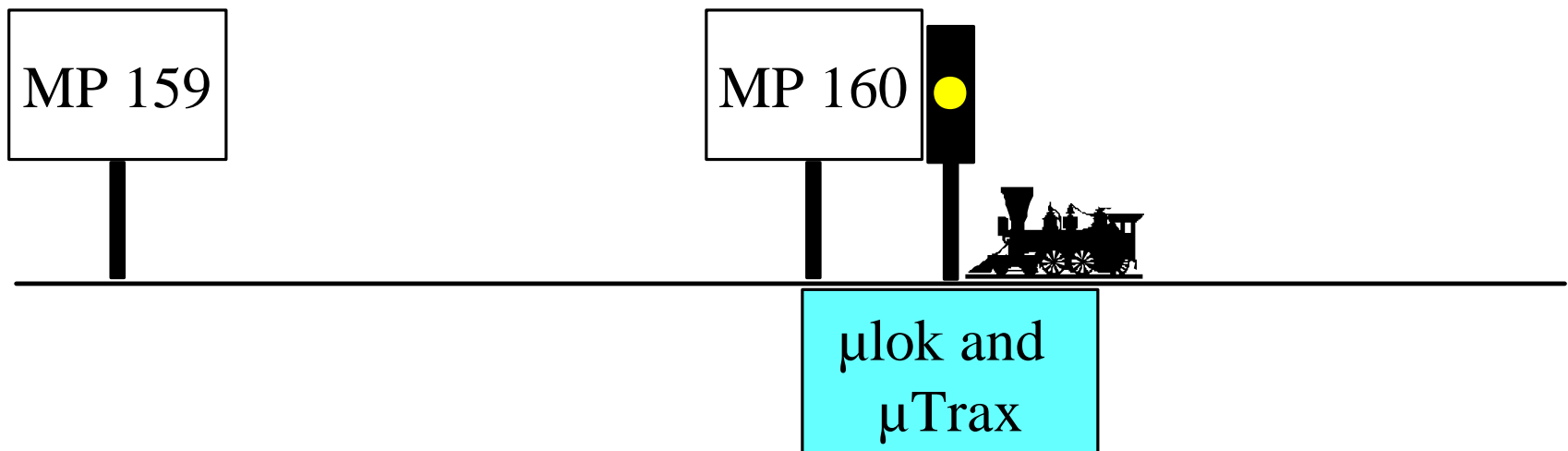
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  - UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.1: Proceed at posted speed
- Models Intersected: Control Point, Switch, Microlok, MicroTrax, Train Crew, Dispatcher





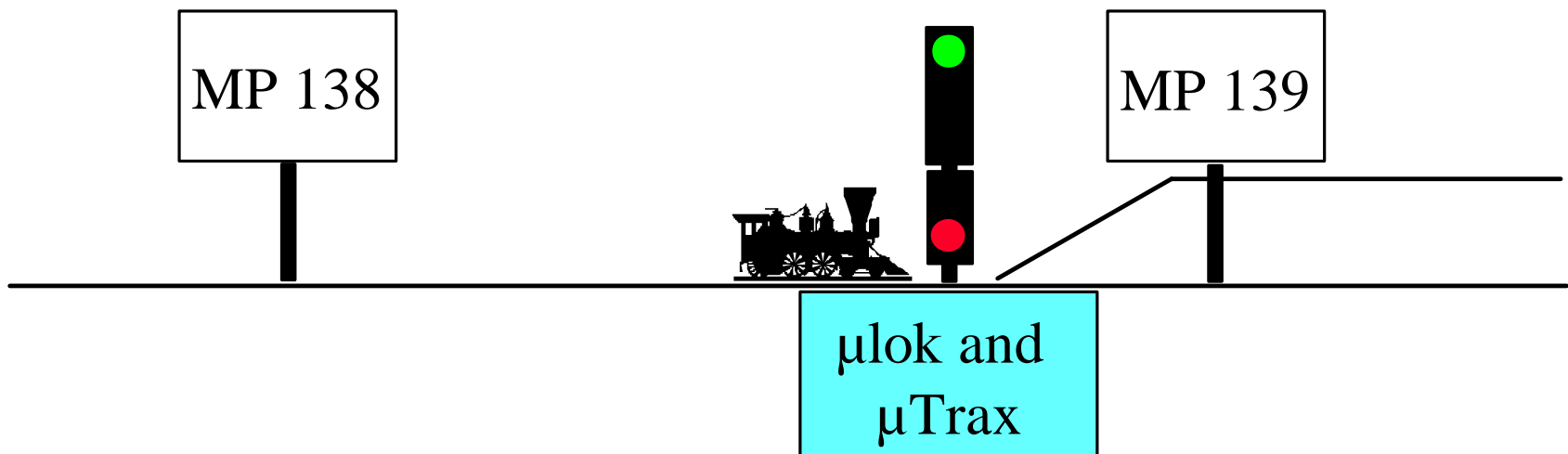
## ***LSF 50 – Intermediate Signal at MP 160***

- Train crew recognizes “Approach” aspect displayed on intermediate signal when they enter visual range.
- Train Crew Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.5: Proceed prepared to stop before any part of train or engine passes the next signal. Freight trains exceeding 30 MPH must immediately reduce to 30 MPH. Passenger trains exceeding 45 MPH must immediately reduce to 45 MPH.
- Models Intersected: Signal, Microlok, MicroTrax, Train Crew



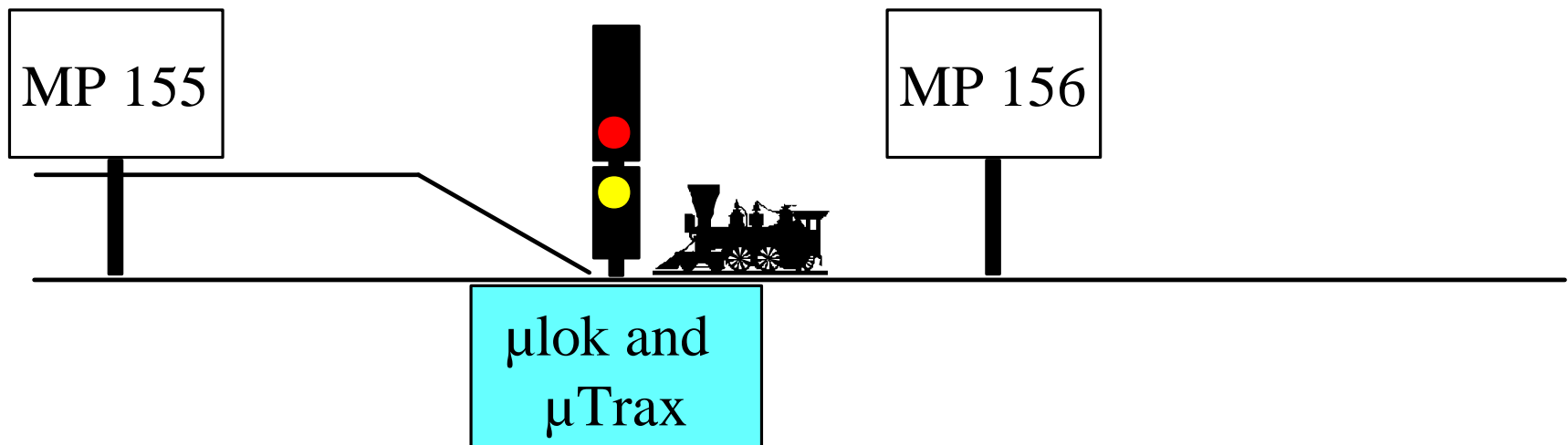
## AMTK 303 – Control Point at McLean

- Train crew recognizes “Proceed” aspect displayed on 5-Lamp Control Point signal when they enter visual range.
- Train Crew Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.1: Proceed at posted speed
- Models Intersected: Control Point, Switch, Microlok, MicroTrax, Train Crew, Dispatcher



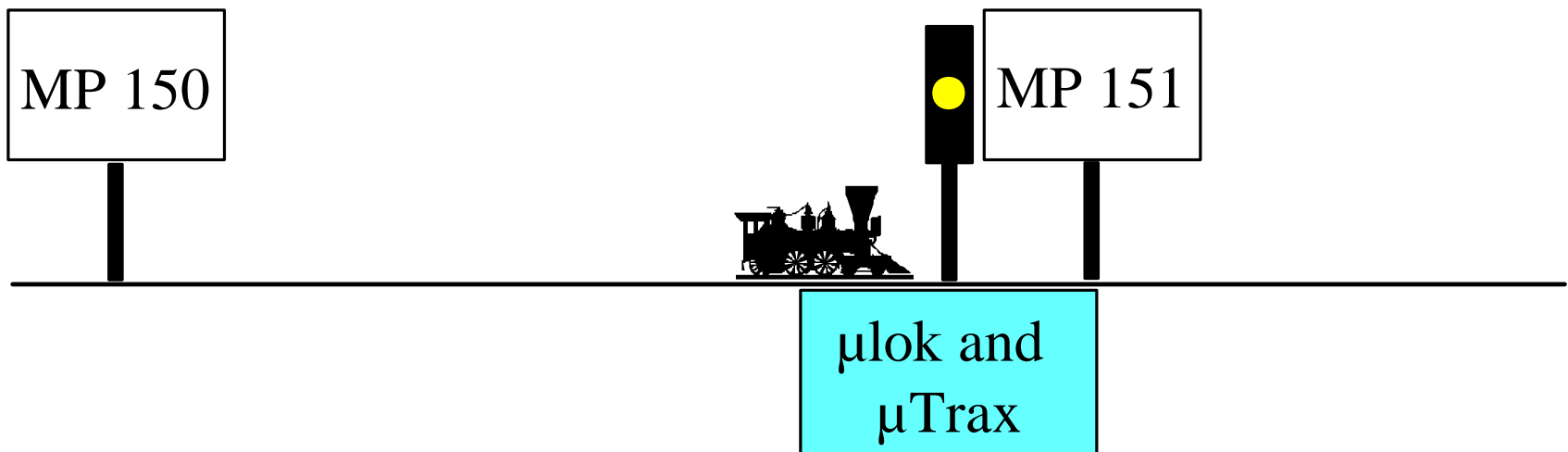
## ***LSF 50 – Takes Siding at Athol***

- Train crew recognizes “Approach Diverging” aspect displayed on 5-Lamp Control Point signal when they enter visual range.
- Train Crew Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.10: Proceed on diverging route at prescribed speed through turnout prepared to stop before any part of train or engine passes the next signal. Freight trains exceeding 30 MPH must immediately reduce to 30 MPH. Passenger trains exceeding 45 MPH must immediately reduce to 45 MPH
- Models Intersected: Control Point, Switch, Microlok, MicroTrax, Train Crew, Dispatcher



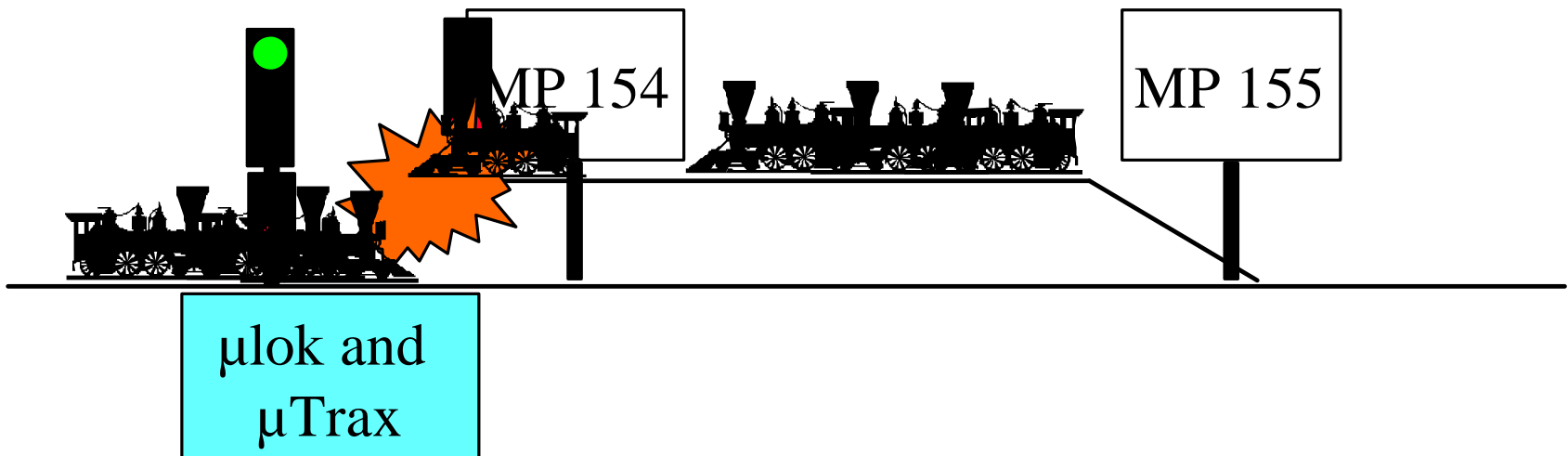
## AMTK 303 – Intermediate Signal at MP 151

- Train crew recognizes “Approach” aspect displayed on intermediate signal when they enter visual range.
- Train Crew Response: Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.5: Proceed prepared to stop before any part of train or engine passes the next signal. Freight trains exceeding 30 MPH must immediately reduce to 30 MPH. Passenger trains exceeding 45 MPH must immediately reduce to 45 MPH.
- Models Intersected: Signal, Microlok, MicroTrax, Train Crew

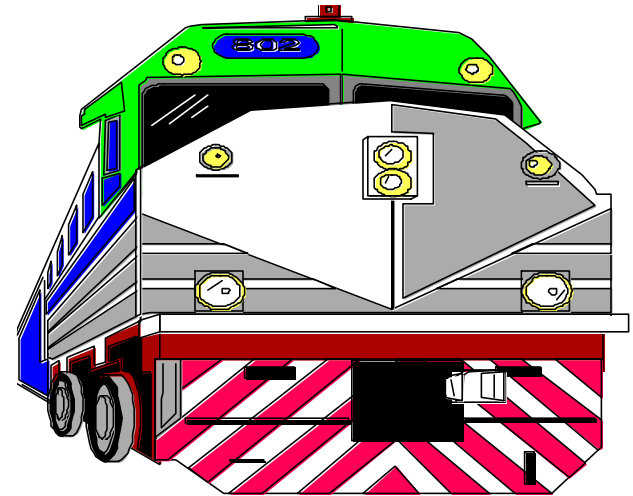


## LSF 50 & AMTK 303 – Incident at Athol

- AMTK 303 notes “Proceed” aspect on signal.
  - Correct Action (Rulebook Compliant)
  - UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.1: Proceed at posted speed
- LSF 50 is not responsive to siding signal
  - Continue at current speed



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# ***ASCAP SAFETY BEHAVIOR MODELS***

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## ***ASCAP Safety Behavior Models***

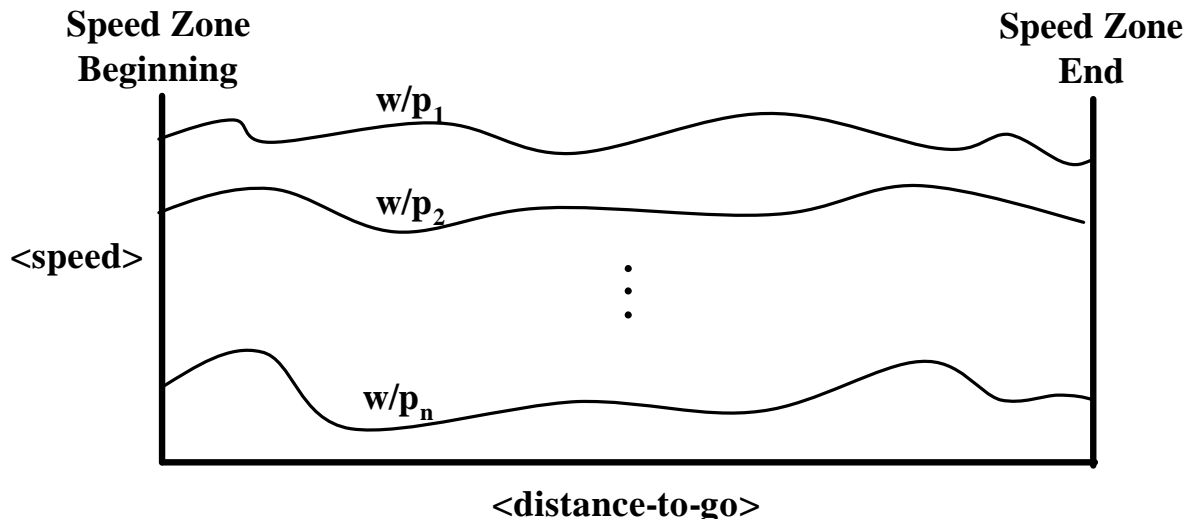
- Train Movement Model (TMM)
- Train Dynamic Model
- Object Model
- Agent Model
- Knowledge Based Blackboards
- Events Passed At Danger (EPAD)

## ***Train Movement Model (TMM) Features***

- TMM defines the train movement capabilities
  - Scheduling by the Dispatcher
  - Meet/pass conflict resolution
  - Route Locking
  - Train Dynamic Movement Model integrated with Human-factors
  - Consist speed dynamics and work equipment movement integrated
- Train departure randomization
  - Arbitrary (e.g. 7 day) train movement cycle
  - Departure times randomized
  - Randomization over multiple year/multiple mileage horizon for V&V
- Signal control logic defined by Boolean equations
  - Function of track occupancy
  - Function of train routing
  - Prevent dispatcher from assigning conflicting routes
  - Define block delays

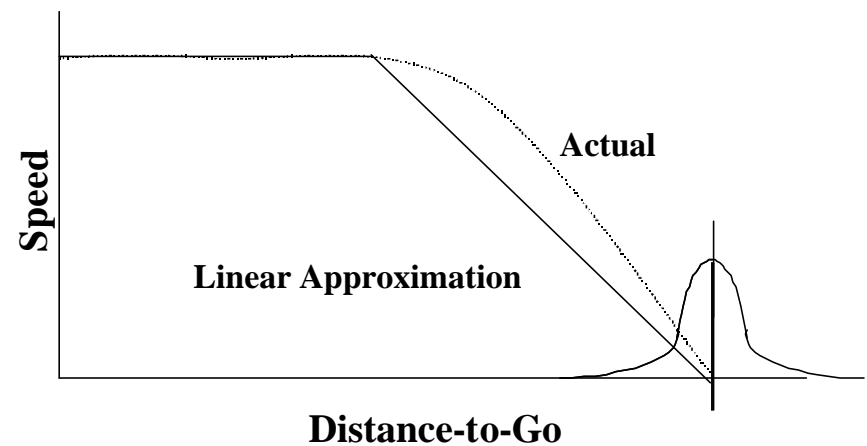
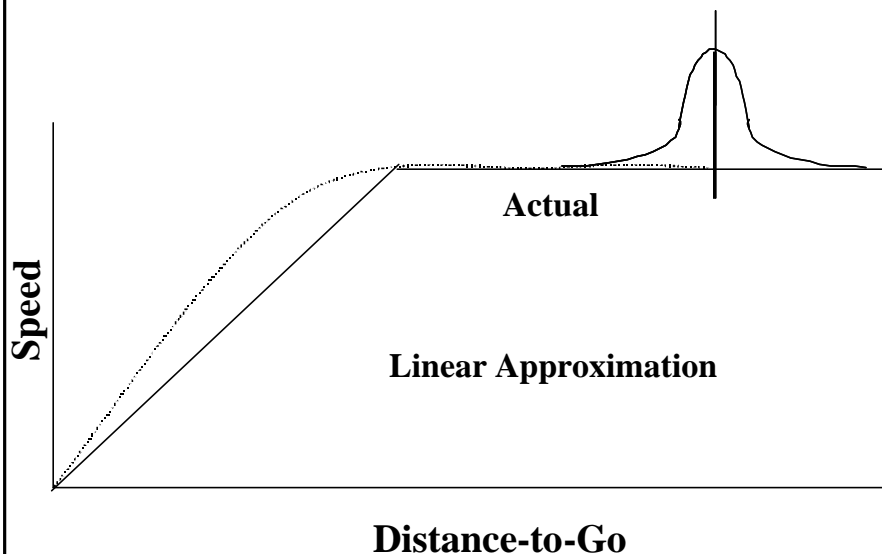
## Average Speed Polynomial Model

- Applied in regions where the train does not need to stop or accelerate
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> order polynomial:  $\langle \text{speed} \rangle = a(w/p)^3 + b(w/p)^2 + C(w/p) + d$ 
    - ◆ Davis Equation
    - ◆ Gravity forces
    - ◆ Curves forces
    - ◆ Traction effort
    - ◆ Human-factors target speed for speed zone



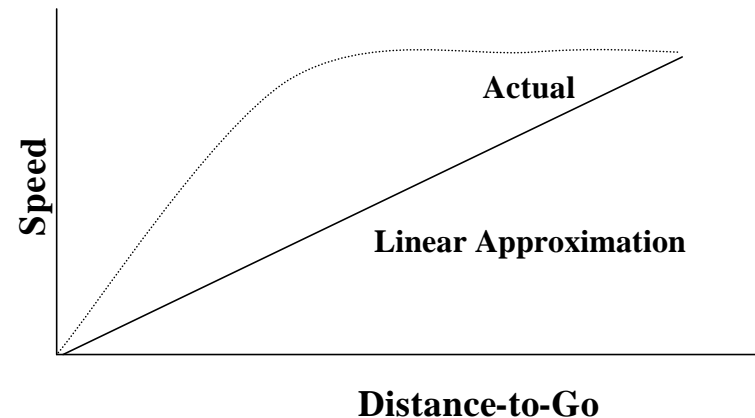
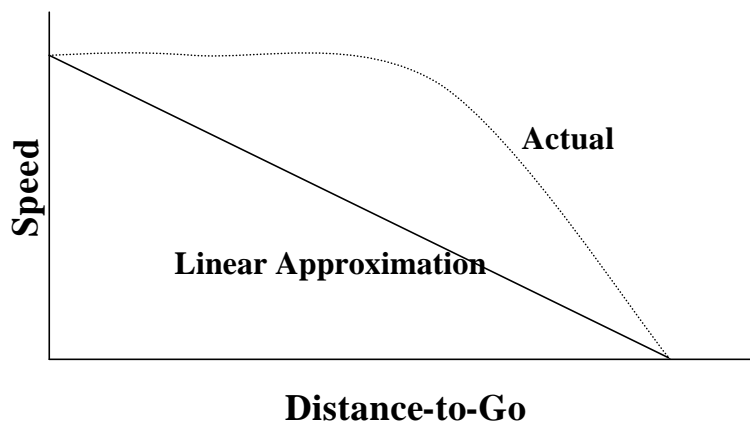
## ***Linear Acceleration/Deceleration Model***

- Applied in regions where the train does needs to stop or accelerate & a condition satisfying a mishap-pair realization is not met
  - Provides a linear approximation of a train's physical behavior
  - Computationally less intensive



## Dynamic Movement Model

- Stopping/acceleration required for Incident/Accident-pair realization
  - Train-to-train
    - ◆ Head-on
    - ◆ Rear-end
    - ◆ Raking
    - ◆ Siding
  - Train-to-Roadway Workers
  - Train-to-misaligned switch
  - Over speed



## ***Object Model Features***

- Captures object safety-critical appliance behavior
  - Incorporates transient behaviors
  - Incorporates improper repair effects
- Safety-Critical object model parameters
  - Failure hardware rate (includes effects of transient & permanent)
  - Hardware/software integrated Coverage
  - Repair
  - Human repair coverage



## *Object Model Features*

- Operational state behavior
  - Appliance functioning as intended for given application
- State transition
  - Fault occurrence
    - ◆ Covered: fault is detectable -> Failed –Safe state
    - ◆ Uncovered: fault in not detectable -> Failed-Unsafe stats

## *Object Model Features*

- Failed-safe state behavior
  - A known appliance failure that does not impact system safety
- State transitions
  - Repair
    - ◆ Correct repair -> Operational state
    - ◆ Incorrect repair -> Failed-Unsafe state
  - Transient recovery

## *Object Model Features*

- Failed-unsafe state behavior
  - An unknown appliance failure that may or may not impact system safety
- State transitions
  - Maintenance
    - ◆ Correct maintenance -> Operational state
    - ◆ Incorrect maintenance -> Failed-Unsafe state
  - Transient recovery
  - Additional fault occurrence

## ***Object Models – IDOT Base Case***

- On-Board
  - Locomotive Inductive Pickup
  - MICROCAB Automatic Train Protection (ATP)
  - 4-aspect Cab Signaling Display
  - Penalty Brake Valve Interface
  - Penalty Brake Valve (P2A)
- Track
  - MICROTRAX
  - Broken Rail
  - Switch
- Wayside
  - Permanent Speed Sign
  - Signals
    - ◆ Control Point
    - ◆ Intermediate
  - MICROLOK
  - Flags

## ***Agent Model Applications***

- Golden (Compliant) Agent behavior taken from UPRR operating rules
- Agent model supports:
  - Train crew
  - Dispatcher
  - Roadway Workers

## ***Agent Model Behavior***

- Actions categorized into three (3) behavioral states
  - Correct Action (Compliant to the Operational Rulebook)
  - Erroneous Action (Non-Compliant to the Operational Rulebook)
  - Non-Responsive
- Behavioral path selection influenced by defined probabilistic behaviors
  - Recognition
  - Interpretation
  - Coverage
  - Compliance
- Behavioral probabilities currently modeled as constants

## *Train Crew*

- Engineer and conductor modeled as a single entity
  - Each train has its own unique train crew
- Voice requests are agreed to by both engineer & conductor
  - EIC
  - Dispatcher
    - ◆ Report appliance failures
    - ◆ Request authority at Control Point signals
    - ◆ Resolve conflicts with flags



## *Dispatcher*

- Single dispatcher control IDOT PTC territory
- Dispatcher provides voice command in times of detected signal failure
  - Golden instructions identical to that entered in CAD
  - Instructions can be corrupted by dispatcher
- Dispatcher create work zones & temporary speed restrictions due to reported equipment failures
  - Form A
    - ◆ 75% require flagging
  - Form B
    - ◆ Major track infrastructure work
    - ◆ 25% of track work
  - Track and time
    - ◆ Set Control Point signals RED to protect work area
    - ◆ 75% of track work
  - Create overlapping work zones
  - Improperly revoke work zone & temporary speed restrictions limits

## *Roadway Workers*

- Voice control provided by EIC
  - Single EIC controls the work zone
  - EIC may set restricted speed limit too high
- Form B work zones marked by flags
  - Flags may be missing
  - Inappropriately displayed
    - ◆ Wrong location
    - ◆ Wrong type
- Track & time based work zones marked by RED Control Point signals
  - Joint authority
- Workers may work outside assigned work zone

## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard Partitioning***

- Agent-to-Object
  - Object behavior table
    - ◆ Identifies stimulus associated with a particular object state
  - Agent behavior table
    - ◆ Identifies train movement modalities associated with a particular agent state
  - EPAD determination table
    - ◆ Identifies which actions create an EPAD
- Agent-to-Agent
  - Agent behavior table
    - ◆ Identifies agent actions relative to an agent based stimulus
    - ◆ Provides a series of “handshaking” between agents
      - Ability of one agent to cover another agents mistake
  - EPAD determination table
    - ◆ Identifies which actions create an EPAD

## ***EPAD Conditions***

- Train-to-Train
  - Head-on
  - Rear-end
  - Raking
  - Side
- Train-to-track
  - Broken rail
  - Switch alignment
  - Over-speed
    - ◆ Spiral track
    - ◆ Tangent track
    - ◆ Switch
  - Emergency braking
- Train to Roadway Workers and Work Zone
- Work Equipment to Work Equipment

## EPAD Log Illustration



**IDOT LOGS:**



### ASCAP Event Passed At Danger (EPAD) Log

Simulation ID unique to experiment	Base Case 2, Seed 2	
EPAD Type	Broken rail	
EPAD Date calendar date	1312	
EPAD Time military time	9:48:47	
Accumulated Train Miles	1163909.9	

### Locomotive and Crew Identification

Train ID	9	
Cab Equipment	NO	
Crew ID	9	
Hours on Shift	0.35	hours

### EPAD Quantified Dynamic Movement Vector

1	Locomotive Position	96.8	milepost number
2	Locomotive Acceleration	0.9	ft/s <sup>2</sup>
3	Locomotive Velocity	60	miles/hour
4	Locomotive Target Speed	60	miles/hour
5	Locomotive Direction of Travel	North	
6	Number of Locomotives	2	
7	Locomotive Horsepower	884.6	HP
8	Locomotive Momentum	2429.1	ton-ft/s
9	Average % Grade	0	
10	Curvature	0	degrees/100 ft
11	Line-of-Sight Distance	1640	ft
12	Train Consist Type	Freight	
13	Train Length	0.26	miles
14	Number of Cars	27	
15	Average Car Weight	55	tons
16	Locomotive Efficiency	0.81	%
17	Object Type	Broken Rail	
18	Object State	Fail Safe	
19a.	Work Zone Locations beginning MP	N/A	
19b.	Work Zone Locations end MP	N/A	
19ab.1.	Work Zone Locations beginningMP and end MP Equipment	N/A	

## EPAD Log Illustration

20	Agent Behaviors		
20.1.	Dispatcher State	Continue	
20.2.	Dispatcher Action		
20.3.	Train Crew State	Compliant to Actual Stimulus	
20.4.	Train Crew Action	Proceed at posted speed	
20.5.	Maintenance-of-Way Worker State	Continue	
20.6.	Maintenance-of-Way Worker Action		
21	Blackboard Outcome	Train intersected a broken rail	
22	Likelihood of Occurrence	0.00017	

### EPAD Qualitative Dynamic Movement Vector

1	Dispatcher equipment reliability	N/A	%
2	Dynamic Braking Available	YES	Yes/No
3	On-board equipment reliability	N/A	%
4	Wayside equipment reliability	N/A	%
5	Communications equipment reliability	N/A	%
6	Dispatcher Experience	N/A	Years
7	Train Crew Experience	----	Years
8	Special Bulletins	CTC	Yes/No
9	Territory Type (DTC, TCS, CTC, PTC, CBTC)	TCS	
10	Track Conditions	Good	Good, Bad, Poor
11	Weather	Good	Good, Bad, Poor
12	Visibility	Good	Good, Bad, Poor

### 1 EPAD Resulted in a Mishap

1a.	Mishap Type	BrokenRail	
1b.	Incident or Accident?	Accident	
1b.i.	Secondary Train ID		
1b.ii.	TertiaryTrainID	N/A	
	Mean	\$139,385.67	Dollars
	Lower Bound	\$4,759.61	Dollars
	Upper Bound	\$4,081,928.07	Dollars

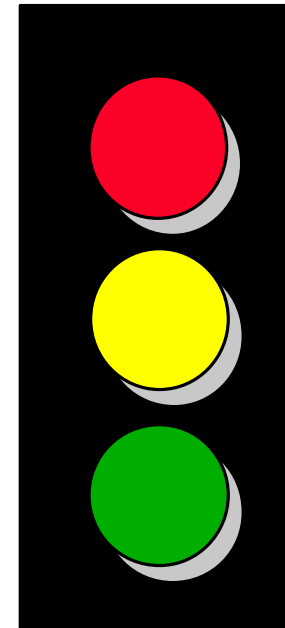
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## 3-Lamp Control Point Signal

- Single signal head
  - Three (3) lamps
    - ◆ Red
    - ◆ Yellow
    - ◆ Green
  - Five (5) permissible aspects
    - ◆ Red
    - ◆ Flashing Red
    - ◆ Yellow
    - ◆ Flashing Yellow
    - ◆ Green





## ***Object Model Data: 3-Lamp Control Point Signal***

<b>Simulation Level</b>	<b>Failure Rate (l ) failures/hr</b>	<b>Coverage (C)</b>	<b>Travel Time hours</b>	<b>Repair Rate (m) repairs/hr</b>	<b>Repair time hours</b>	<b>Human Repair Coverage (d)</b>
Validation Case 1	$1/20,000 = 0.00005$	0.9	2	$1/8 = 0.125$	10	0.9999505
Validation Case 2	$1/20,000 = 0.00005$	0.9	2	$1/8 = 0.125$	10	0.9999505
Base Case	$1/20,000 = 0.00005$	0.9	2	$1/8 = 0.125$	10	0.9999505

## ***Object Behavior Table : 3-Lamp Control Point Signal***

<b>Golden Stimulus</b>	<b>Object State</b>		
	<b>Operational</b>	<b>Failed Safe</b>	<b>Failed Unsafe</b>
<b>Red</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Dark</b>	Flashing Red
			Yellow
			Flashing Yellow
			Green
			Flashing Green
			Green & Yellow
			Flashing Green & Yellow
			Green & Flashing Yellow
			Flashing Green & Flashing Yellow
			Green & Red
			Flashing Green & Red
			Green & Flashing Red
			Flashing Green & Flashing Red

## ***Object Behavior Table: 3-Lamp Control Point Signal***

Golden Stimulus	Object State		
	Operational	Failed Safe	Failed Unsafe
Red	Red	Dark	Yellow & Red
			Flashing Yellow & Red
			Yellow & Flashing Red
			Flashing Yellow & Flashing Red
			Green & Yellow & Red
			Flashing Green & Yellow & Red
			Green & Flashing Yellow & Red
			Green & Yellow & Flashing Red
			Flashing Green & Flashing Yellow & Red
			Flashing Green & Yellow & Flashing Red
			Green & Flashing Yellow & Flashing Red
			Flashing Green & Flashing Yellow & Flashing Red

## ***Object Behavior Table: 3-Lamp Control Point Signal***

<b>Golden Stimulus</b>	<b>Object State</b>		
	<b>Operational</b>	<b>Failed Safe</b>	<b>Failed Unsafe</b>
<b>Flashing Red</b>	Flashing Red	Dark	See Red for enumerated list
<b>Yellow</b>	Yellow	Flashing Red	See Red for enumerated list
		Dark	
<b>Flashing Yellow</b>	Flashing Yellow	Flashing Red	See Red for enumerated list
		Dark	
<b>Green</b>	Green	Flashing Yellow	See Red for enumerated list
		Dark	

## ***Agent Behavior Table: 3-Lamp Control Point Signal***

Actual Stimulus	Train Crew Behavior		
	Correct Action (Compliance to Rule)	Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance to Rule)	Non-Response
Dark (or any aspect display that is not defined by the object's operational or failed-safe behavioral state)	GCOR 5.15: If a signal is improperly displayed, or a signal, flag or sign is absent from the place it is usually shown, regard the signal as showing the most restrictive indication it can give.	Increase speed within a range from posted permanent speed to maximum speed attainable by locomotive	Continue train movement at current speed
	GCOR 9.4: Improperly displayed signals or absent lights – If a light is absent or a white light is displayed where a colored or lunar light should be, regard a block or interlocking signal as displaying the most restrictive indication it can give.	Decrease speed within a range from zero to posted permanent speed	
		Apply full service braking (train or engine passes the signal)	
	UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.14: Stop before any part of train or engine passes the signal. Wait for signal change or dispatcher instructions.	Apply emergency braking	

## ***Agent Behavior Table: 3-Lamp Control Point Signal***

<b>Actual Stimulus</b>	<b>Train Crew Behavior</b>		
	<b>Correct Action (Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Erroneous Action (Non- Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Non- Response</b>
Red	UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.14: Stop before any part of train or engine passes the signal. Wait for signal change or dispatcher instructions.	Increase speed within a range from restricted speed, not exceeding prescribed speed, to maximum speed attainable by train	Continue train movement at current speed
		Decrease speed within a range from zero to restricted speed, not exceeding prescribed speed	
		Apply full service braking (train or engine passes the signal)	
		Apply emergency braking	

## ***Agent Behavior Table: 3-Lamp Control Point Signal***

<b>Actual Stimulus</b>	<b>Train Crew Behavior</b>		
	<b>Correct Action (Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Non-Response</b>
Flashing Red	UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.12: Proceed at restricted speed, not exceeding prescribed speed, through turnout.	Increase speed within a range from restricted speed, not exceeding prescribed speed, to maximum speed attainable by train	Continue train movement at current speed
		Decrease speed within a range from zero to restricted speed, not exceeding prescribed speed	
	If train within visual look-ahead range, then apply braking (either full service or emergency depending on operational conditions)	Apply full service braking	
		Apply emergency braking	

## ***Agent Behavior Table: 3-Lamp Control Point Signal***

<b>Actual Stimulus</b>	<b>Train Crew Behavior</b>		
	<b>Correct Action (Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Non-Response</b>
Yellow	UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.5: Proceed prepared to stop before any part of train or engine passes the next signal. Freight trains exceeding 30 MPH must immediately reduce to 30 MPH. Passenger trains exceeding 45 MPH must immediately reduce to 45 MPH.	Increase speed within a range from 30 MPH for freight and 45 MPH for passenger to maximum speed attainable by train	Continue train movement at current speed
		Decrease speed within a range from zero to 30 MPH for freight and 45 MPH for passenger trains	
	If train within visual look-ahead range, then apply braking (either full service or emergency depending on operational conditions)	Apply full service braking	
		Apply emergency braking	



## ***Agent Behavior Table: 3-Lamp Control Point Signal***

<b>Actual Stimulus</b>	<b>Train Crew Behavior</b>		
	<b>Correct Action (Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Non-Response</b>
Flashing Yellow	UPRR Special Instructions 9.2.3: Proceed prepared to stop at second signal. Freight trains exceeding 40 MPH must immediately reduce to 40 MPH. Passenger trains may proceed but must not exceed 40 MPH passing next signal.	Increase speed within a range from 40 MPH to maximum speed attainable by train	Continue train movement at current speed
		Decrease speed within a range from zero to 40 MPH	
	If train within visual look-ahead range, then apply braking (either full service or emergency depending on operational conditions)	Apply full service braking	
		Apply emergency braking	

## ***Agent Behavior Table: 3-Lamp Control Point Signal***

<b>Actual Stimulus</b>	<b>Train Crew Behavior</b>		
	<b>Correct Action (Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Non-Response</b>
Green	UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.1: Proceed at posted speed.	Increase speed within a range from posted speed to maximum speed attainable by train	Continue train movement at current speed
		Decrease speed within a range from zero to posted speed	
	If train within visual look-ahead range, then apply braking (either full service or emergency depending on operational conditions)	Apply full service braking	
		Apply emergency braking	

## ***3-Lamp Control Point Signal – EPAD Table***

<b>Golden Stimulus</b>	<b>Train Crew Action</b>					
	<b>Proceed as directed by UPRR Special Instruction or GCOR</b>	<b>Proceed at Lower Speed than prescribed by UPRR Special Instruction or GCOR (Train movement not stopped)</b>	<b>Proceed at Higher Speed than prescribed by UPRR Special Instruction or GCOR</b>	<b>Apply Full Service Braking</b>	<b>Apply Emergency Braking</b>	<b>Continue train movement at current speed</b>
Dark (or any aspect display that is not defined by the object's operational or failed-safe behavioral state)	Safe Train Movement	EPAD	EPAD	Safe Train Movement	EPAD Incident/Accident	EPAD
		EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed, work zone, broken rail or train-to-train Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied	EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed, work zone, broken rail or train-to-train Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied			EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed, work zone, broken rail or train-to-train Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied

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<b>Red</b>	<b>Safe Train Movement</b>	<b>EPAD</b>	<b>EPAD</b>	<b>Safe Train Movement</b>	<b>EPAD Incident/Accident</b>	<b>EPAD</b>
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Golden Stimulus						
Flashing Red	Safe Train Movement	Safe Train Movement	EPAD	Safe Train Movement	EPAD Incident/Accident	EPAD if Train Speed in excess of restricted/prescribed speed
			EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied			EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed or train-to-train Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied

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Yellow	Safe Train Movement	Safe Train Movement	EPAD	Safe Train Movement	EPAD Incident/Accident	EPAD if Train Speed in excess of from 30 MPH for freight and 45 MPH for passenger trains
			EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied			EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed or train-to-train Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied

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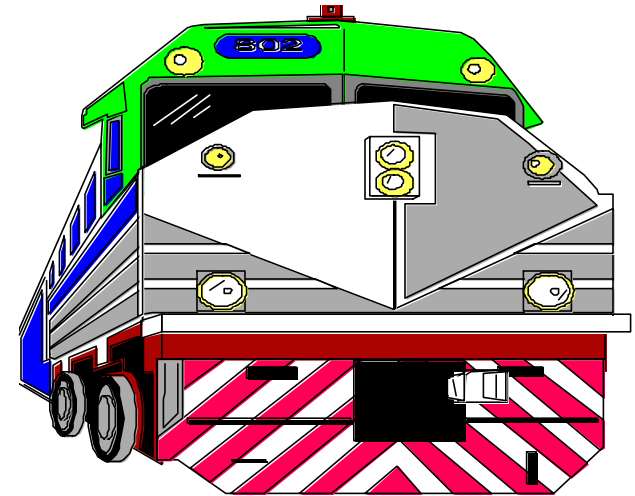
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Golden Stimulus						
Flashing Yellow	Safe Train Movement	Safe Train Movement	EPAD	Safe Train Movement	EPAD Incident/Accident	EPAD if train speed in excess of 40 MPH
			EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied			EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed or train-to-train Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied

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Green	Safe Train Movement	Safe Train Movement	EPAD	Safe Train Movement	EPAD Incident/Accident	EPAD if train speed in excess of posted speed
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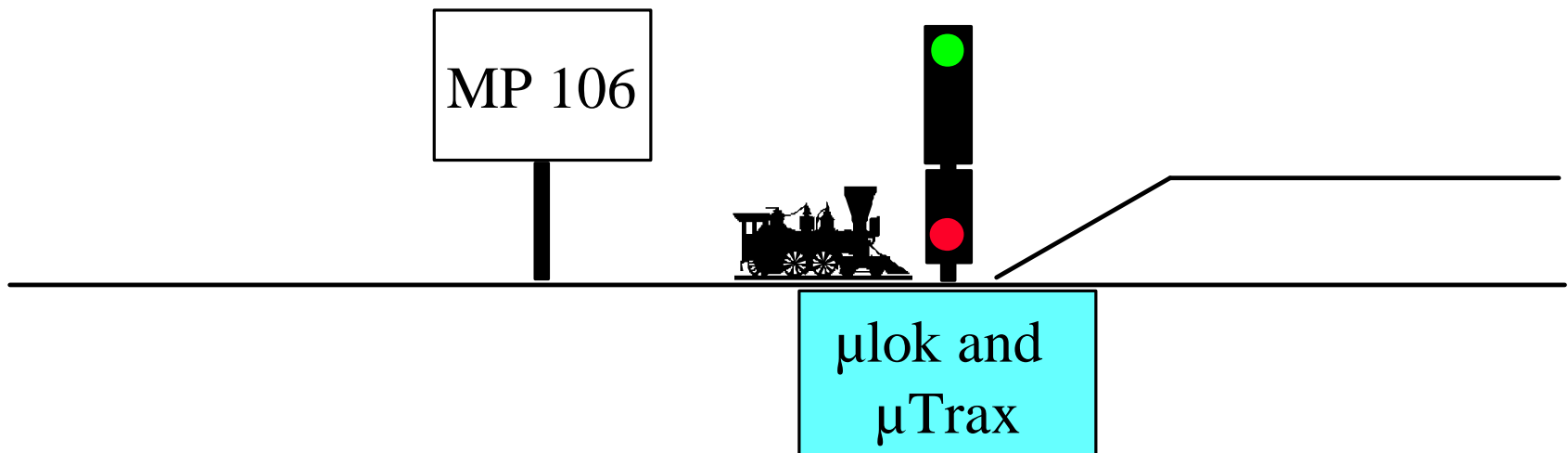


## ***Knowledge – Based Blackboards***

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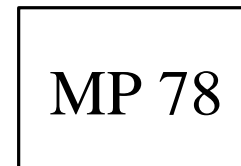
## ***AMTK 303 – Control Point at Ballard***

- Object Behavioral State: Operational



## ***Yellow/Red Flag Placement***

- Work zone located at MP 80
- Flagging to be used



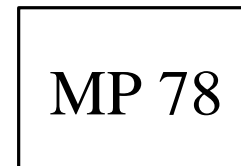
## *Red Flag Placement*

- Work zone located at MP 80
- Flagging to be used



## ***AMTK 303 – Approaching a Yellow/Red Flag***

- Train crew provided Form B
  - Work zone located at MP 80
  - Flagging to be used



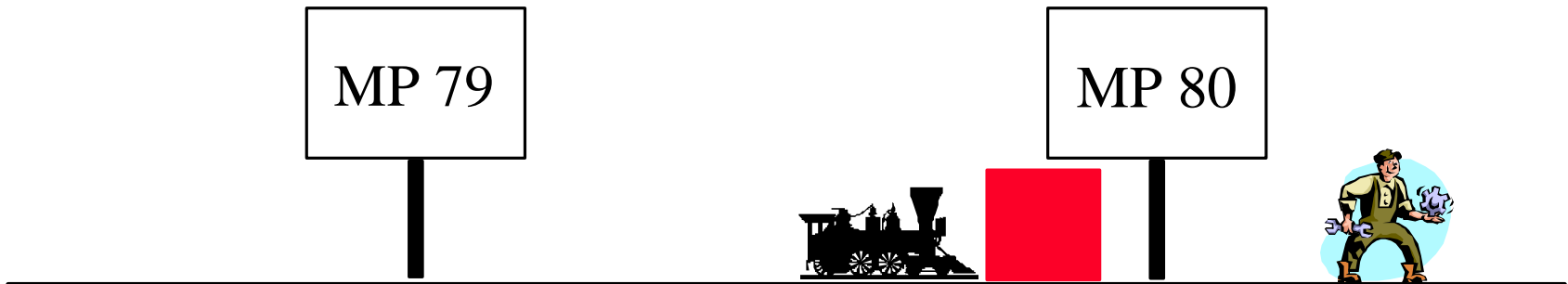
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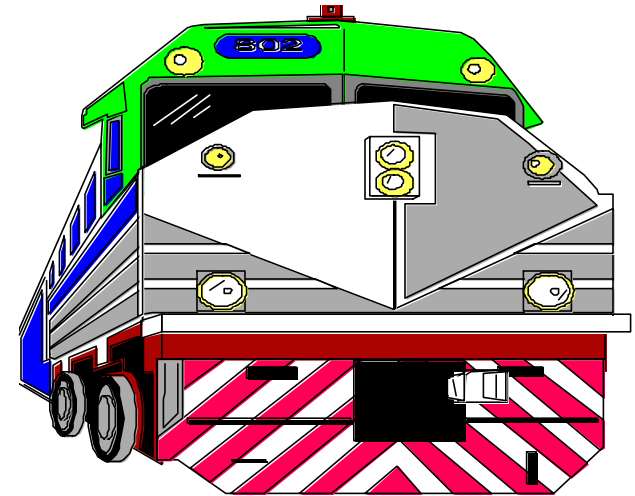
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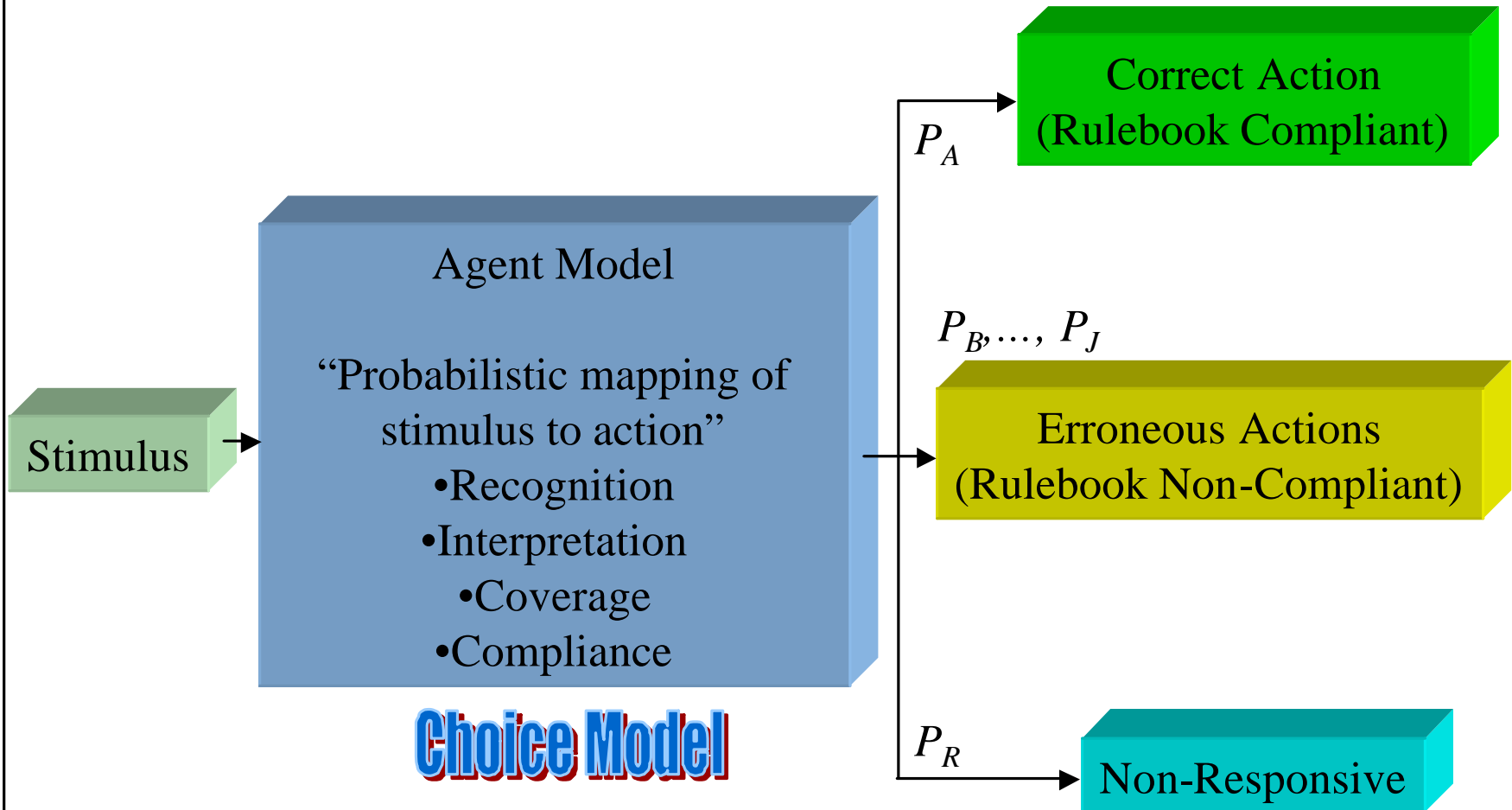
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## ***Choice Model Knowledge-Based Blackboards***

***Dr. Donald E. Brown***

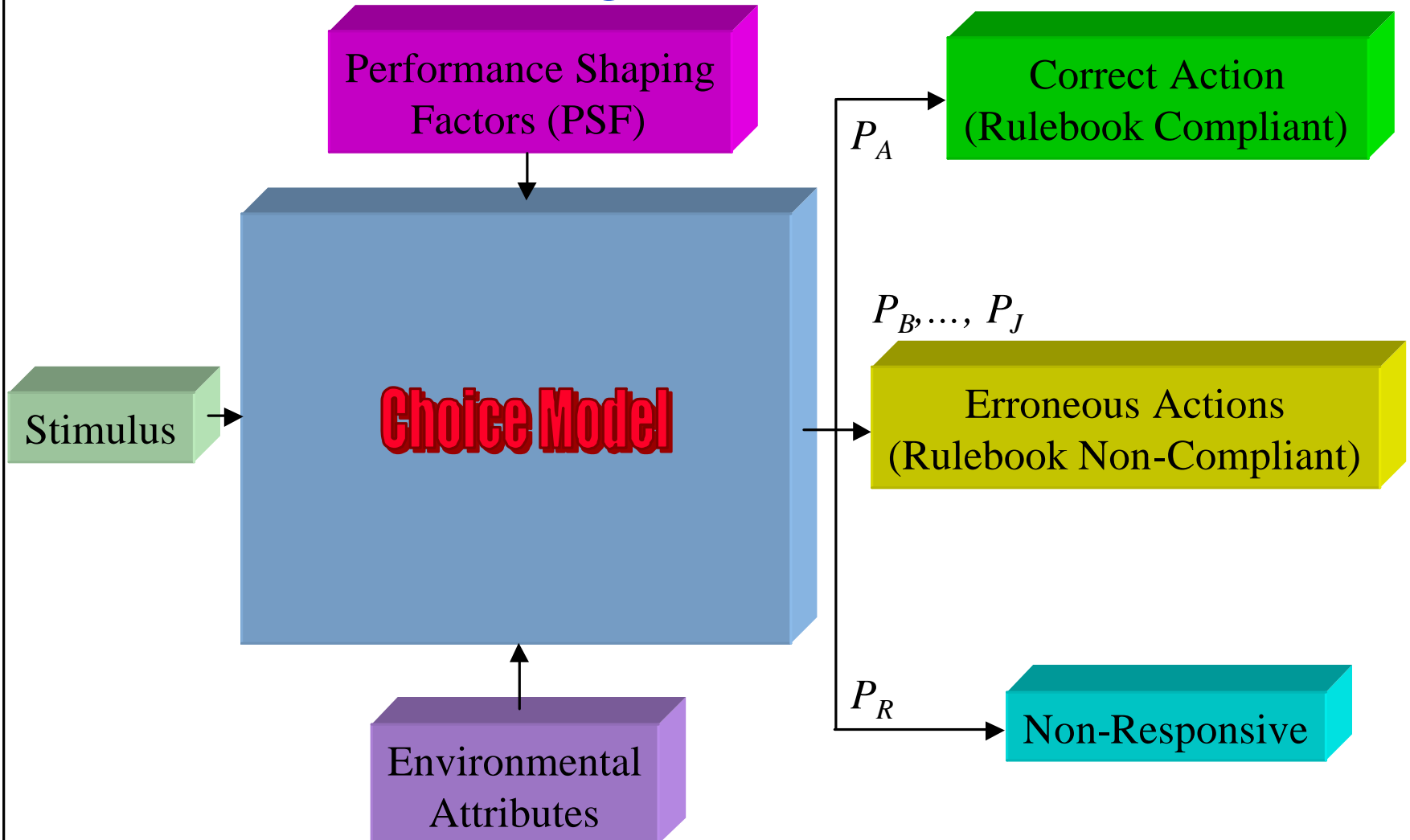
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## ***Definitions***

- Choice Model
- Environment
- Environmental Attributes
- Performance Shaping Factors
- Stimulus
- Utility Function

## Agent Model



## *Choice Model Example Application*

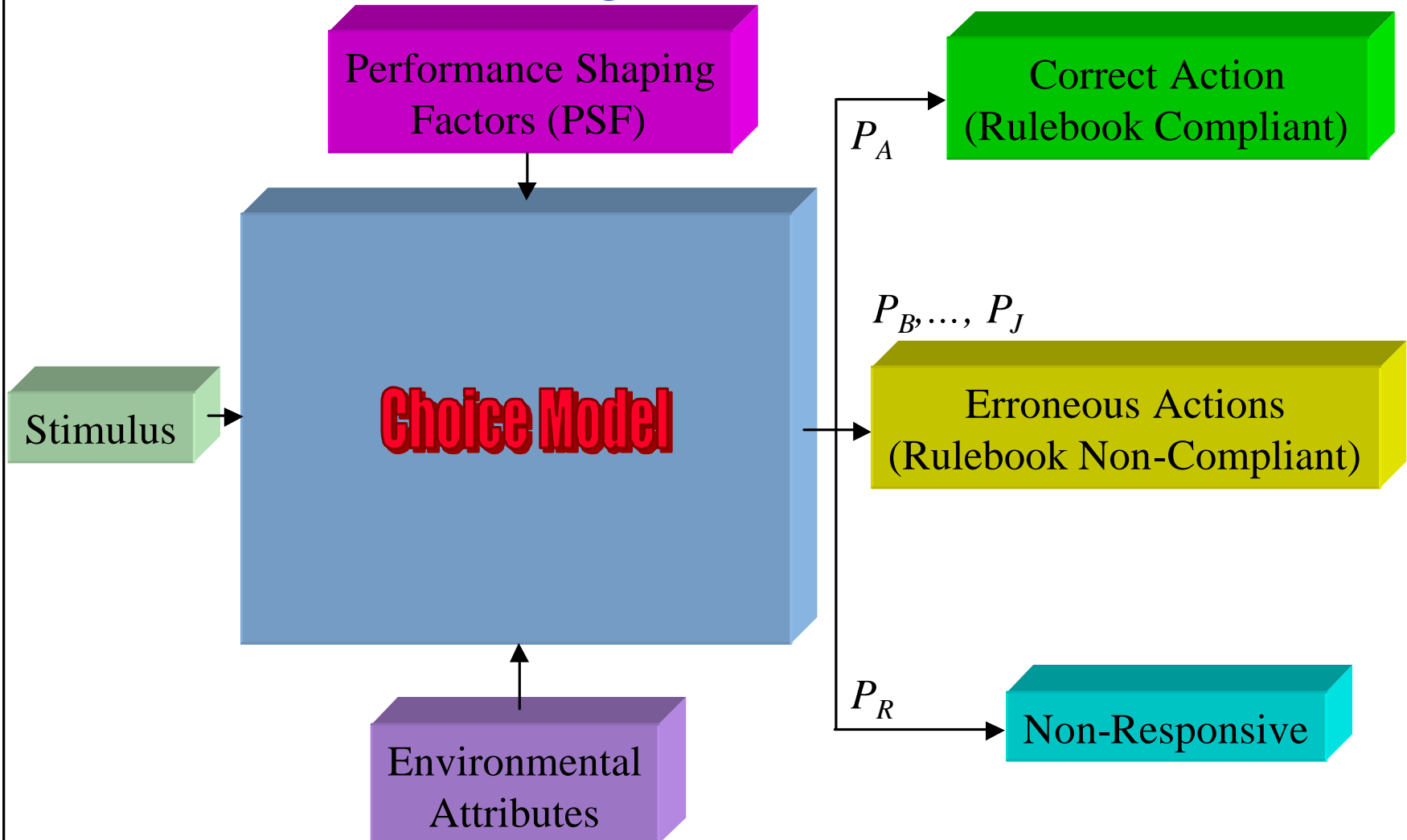
- Train crew with average experience encounters a change in permanent speed restriction

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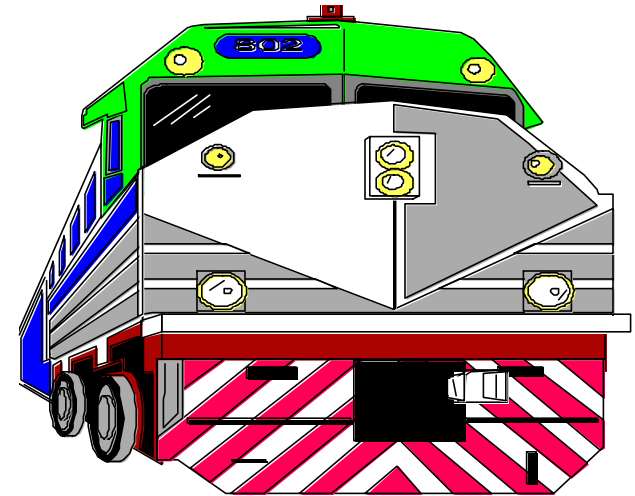
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## Agent Model





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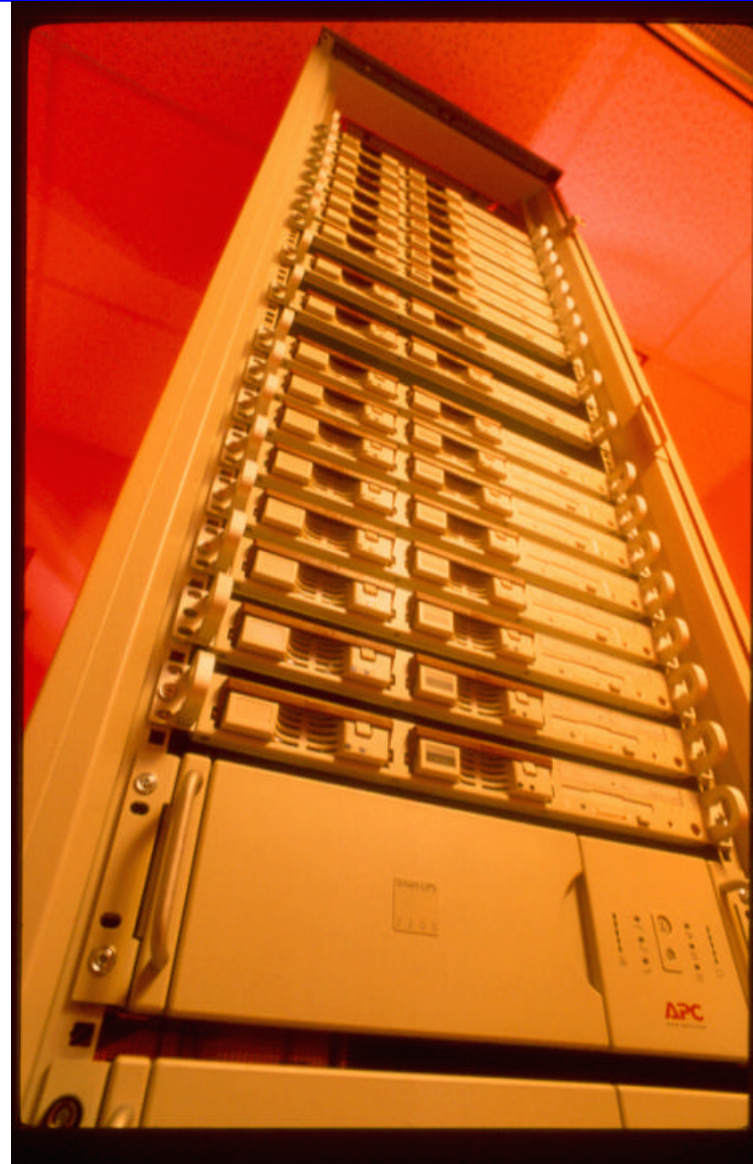




## ***The Rail Analysis Cluster***

Parallel Simulation

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## ***Parallel Simulation***

- Simulation in parallel is trivial if the parallel programs do not need to communicate
  - This is the typical situation for many of our simulations
- Many of the rail simulations are for “what if” analysis – the same simulation must be run multiple times with slightly different parameters
  - This problem is very efficient on the cluster because the simulations are basically independent
- We would like to run very long simulations, and we are examining the feasibility for multiple independent shorter simulations to represent a single longer simulation
  - We have not yet determined the validity of this approach, but it would permit rapid completion of extensive simulations

## ***The Web-Based Simulator Interface***

- Normal access to the simulator is through a secure web server
- This permits simulator control from any machine with a web browser
- This provides clear distinction between the software development interface and the application use interface
- This is now used for simulations by the UVA researchers
- The same functionality exists anywhere in the world where internet access is available

## ***Reaching the Simulator***

- Researchers at UVA connect directly to the *secure* web server on the cluster
- This secure web server is linked to the public web pages of the Center
  - <http://www.ece.virginia.edu/trainsafety>
- A secure web server is used to
  - Limit simulator access to authorized users
  - Support access limitations based upon user authorities
  - Provide encryption of all communication between the browser and the server
- Start from the Center's public web site...
  - Note that the screen view is taken directly from the Center's public web site
  - This is currently accessible over the web from anywhere in the world

## ***Choosing Simulation***

- When the simulation choice is made on the home page, the browser is redirected to a different site
- The destination site is a secure web server on the cluster computer
- Before the user can proceed to access the secure server, it is necessary to identify and authenticate the user
- This is accomplished using the standard login page
  - Note that the login page was produced by the secure server currently running on the cluster

## ***Application Choices***

- Once the user has passed the challenge, the secure web site becomes available
- Currently, a few options are available to the user
  - Start a new simulation
  - Edit stored parameters
  - Review the results of completed simulations
  - Log off of the cluster application
- To start a new simulation, just click the start simulation button
- Before leaving this page, note that the browser is assuring the user that this is a secure web site
  - Note that this choice page was produced by the secure server currently running on the cluster

## ***Choosing A Specific Simulation***

- To start a simulation, the user must select the specific simulation to be run
- Each user has a user-specific set of simulations that the particular user can run
  - A “MAGLEV” user might have only “MAGLEV” simulations
  - An individual working on a specific railroad simulation might have access only to simulations for that railroad
- After choosing to start a simulation, the user is presented with a list of simulations available to that specific user
- The user highlights the desired application and clicks the “start application” button
  - Note that this menu page was produced by the secure server currently running on the cluster



## ***Setting Simulation Parameters***

- When a simulation has been selected, its parameters must be set
  - The same simulation application can behave very differently for different parameter sets
- Parameter files can be prepared on the local computer and uploaded over the secure web link
  - Multiple parameter files can be stored on the server or one can be uploaded only for one simulation set
- At this point, a parameter file must be selected, or a set of default parameters can be used
- Large simulations can require significant time, so it can also be useful to assign a meaningful name to this simulation – This task is performed here
  - Note that this parameter page was produced by the secure server currently running on the cluster

## ***Job Submission and Completion***

- After the application is chosen, its parameters are set, and a name is assigned, the job is submitted to the cluster by clicking the “run” button
- The submission is confirmed by another web page that also offers the option to view the results.
- Clicking on the “Retrieve My Results” button directs the user to another page where the simulation results can be obtained
  - Note that this acknowledgement page was produced by the secure server currently running on the cluster

## ***Retrieving Results***

- Choosing to retrieve results cannot yield results for simulations not yet complete, but results from earlier simulations may be available
- Note that UVA users currently retrieve results manually, but the web server is being enhanced to provide these results directly through the web server
  - The remaining slides illustrate how this might appear
- The results page will provide a list of the jobs submitted by the specific user
  - This list will include the job names assigned by the user, the time of submission, and the job status as running or completed.
  - This list also includes the option to delete the results of a job to manage clutter or to remove the results from the cluster for any other reasons
- Here, the red dot under results indicates that the results are not yet ready – Green indicates ready

## ***Viewing Results***

- When the results become available, the results indicator turns green
- Clicking on a green results indicator takes the user to another page that offers a selection of result graphics
- Choosing one of these graphics yields other pages that provide data in graphical form for review
  - An illustrative example might give a choice from among several days of string charts and an Incident/Accident graph

## ***A String Chart Window***

- Choosing one of the string charts might pop up another browser window containing the requested chart
  - Note that this is an illustration – these charts are currently produced by the simulations, but they are not yet available in this web format

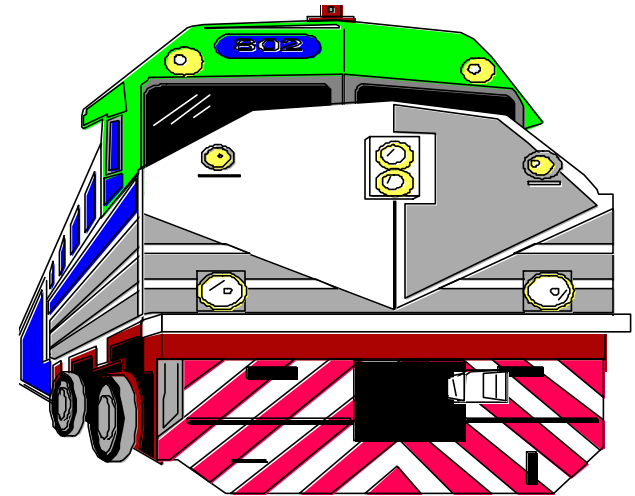
## ***Viewing Another Graphic***

- Another choice offered is the Incident/Accident Count graph. Clicking this button might pop up another window to provide this graph.
  - Note that this is an illustration – these charts are currently produced by the simulation process, but they are not yet available in this web format

## ***Operational Interface***

- The result of this approach is a convenient and portable interface that provides access to cluster computation using only readily available standard web browsing tools
- The interface is intuitive and familiar to anyone who already uses the web
- Security is provided by the same mechanisms that secure electronic commerce applications
- Most of the interactions between the browser and the cluster require only limited information interchange so that analyses could be completed on a laptop with a modem from anywhere in the world
- This is the interface that we are starting to use for our simulations at UVA

## Group Comments and Discussion



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## ***ASCAP Tutorial Summary***

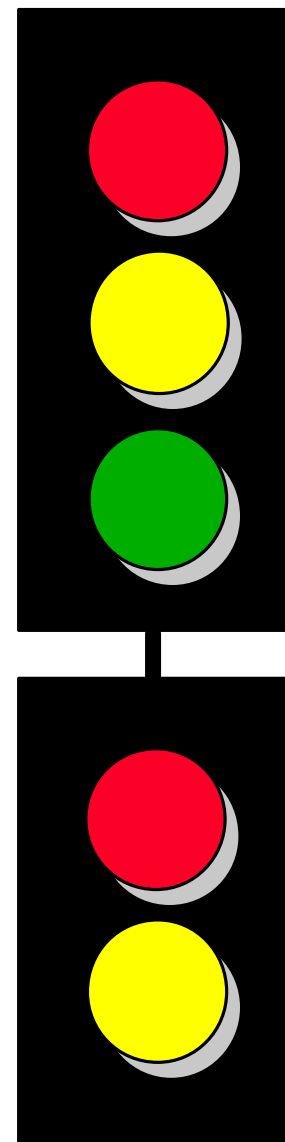
- ASCAP Peer Review Process Underway to establish Methodology Adequacy and IDOT Calibration
- First Peer Review Session with Labor Completed
- ASCAP is RSAC compliant – To be Determined by FRA
- Parallel Processing makes Billion Mile Experiments Possible
- ASCAP Enhancements:
  - WEB-based UVA USER INTERFACE
  - Knowledge-based Black Board Choice Model
  - Continued Formalized Validation and Verification

## ***Knowledge – Based Blackboards***

***Dr. Lori M. Kaufman***

## ***5-Lamp Control Point Signal***

- Single signal head
  - Top Head - Three (3) lamps
    - ◆ Red
    - ◆ Yellow
    - ◆ Green
  - Bottom Head – Two (2) lamps
    - ◆ Red
    - ◆ Yellow
  - Seven (7) permissible aspects
    - ◆ Red over Red
    - ◆ Flashing Red over Red
    - ◆ Red over Yellow
    - ◆ Red over Flashing Red
    - ◆ Flashing Yellow over Red
    - ◆ Green over Red



## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – Train Crew Response***

<b>Actual Stimulus</b>	<b>Train Crew Behavior</b>		
	<b>Correct Action (Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Non-Response</b>
Green/Red	UPRR Special Instruction 9.2.1: Proceed at posted speed.	Increase speed within a range from posted speed to maximum speed attainable by train	Continue train movement at current speed
	If train within visual look-ahead range, then apply braking (either full service or emergency depending on operational conditions)	Decrease speed within a range from zero to posted speed	
		Apply full service braking	
		Apply emergency braking	

## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – Train Crew Response***

Golden Stimulus	Train Crew Action					
	Proceed as directed by UPRR Special Instruction or GCOR	Proceed at Lower Speed than prescribed by UPRR Special Instruction GCOR (Train movement not stopped)	Proceed at Higher Speed than prescribed by UPRR Special Instruction or GCOR	Apply Full Service Braking	Apply Emergency Braking	Continue train movement at current speed
Green/Red	Safe Train Movement	Safe Train Movement	EPAD	Safe Train Movement	EPAD Incident/Accident	EPAD if train speed in excess of posted speed
			EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed or train-to-train Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied			EPAD Incident/Accident occurs if over speed or train-to-train Incident/Accident pair criteria is satisfied

## ***Work Zone Modeling for Areas Where Flagging May Be Used***

- Written notification
  - Form A: temporary speed restrictions
  - Form B: work zone
  - Train crew provided advance knowledge of restricted zone location
  - Flagging not required
  - Flagging can serve as a reminder
    - ◆ Proper flag displayed at correct location
- Restricted areas may arise during travel
  - Train crew must be alert watching for flags

## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – Flag Placement***

GCOR 5.4.1: Yellow-red flags will be used when a train may be required to stop

<b>Roadway Worker Behavior</b>		
<b>Correct Action(Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Non-Response</b>
GCOR 5.4.3: Place a yellow-red flag two (2) miles before the restricted area.	Place red flag two (2) miles before the restricted area.	Place no flag
	Place yellow flag two (2) miles before the restricted area.	
	Place green flag two (2) miles before the restricted area.	
GCOR 5.4.3: If indicated by Form B, then place flag less than two (2) miles before the restricted area.	Place yellow flag at an incorrect location	
	Place red flag at an incorrect location	
	Place yellow/red flag at an incorrect location	
	Place green flag at an incorrect location	

## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – Flag Placement***

GCOR 5.4.7: A red flag is displayed where trains must stop

<b>Roadway Worker Behavior</b>		
<b>Correct Action(Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance to Rule)</b>	<b>Non-Response</b>
GCOR 5.4.7: Place a red flag at the beginning boundary of the speed restricted area.	Place a green flag at the beginning boundary of the speed restricted area.	Place no flag
	Place a yellow/red flag at the beginning boundary of the speed restricted area.	
	Place a yellow flag at the beginning boundary of the speed restricted area	
	Place a yellow flag at an incorrect location	
	Place a red flag at an incorrect location	
	Place a yellow/red flag at an incorrect location	
	Place a green flag at an incorrect location	



## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – Train Crew Response***

Actual Stimulus	Train Crew Behavior		
	Correct Action (Compliance to Rule)	Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance to Rule)	Non-Response
Yellow/Red Flag	GCOR 5.4.3: Crew members must be prepared to stop short of a red flag in two (2) miles	Increase speed within a range from current to maximum speed attainable by train	Continue train movement at current speed
	If no red flag is displayed, then 1. Stop prior to written location of restricted area 2. Contact EIC or dispatcher	Decrease speed within a range from zero to current	
		Apply full service braking	
		Apply emergency braking	

## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – Train Crew Response***

Golden Stimulus	Train Crew Action					
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Yellow/Red Flag	Safe Train Movement	Safe Train Movement	EPAD	Safe Train Movement	EPAD Incident/Accident	EPAD if Train Speed too fast to allow for full service braking prior to Red flag
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## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – Train Crew Response***

Actual Stimulus	Train Crew Behavior		
	Correct Action (Compliance to Rule)	Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance to Rule)	Non-Response
Red Flag	GCOR 5.4.7: Train must stop short of red flag  After stop, contact dispatcher	Increase speed within a range from current to maximum speed attainable by train	Continue train movement at current speed
		Decrease speed within a range from zero to current	
		Apply full service braking	
		Apply emergency braking	

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Red Flag	Safe Train Movement	EPAD Incident/Accident Work Zone incursion	EPAD Incident/Accident Work Zone incursion	Safe Train Movement	EPAD Incident/Accident	EPAD Incident/Accident Work Zone incursion

## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – Train Crew Query***

<b>Actual Stimulus</b>	<b>Train Crew Behavior</b>		
	<b>Correct Action (Compliance To Rule)</b>	<b>Erroneous Action (Non- Compliance Rule)</b>	<b>Non- Response</b>
Voice Control Active	GCOR ?  Request block authority for the correct block	Request block authority for a random block*	Does nothing

## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – EIC Response***

<b>Actual Stimulus</b>	<b>Dispatcher/EIC Behavior</b>		
	<b>Correct Action (Compliance To Rule)</b>	<b>Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance Rule)</b>	<b>Non-Response</b>
Train Crew requested block authority for the correct block	<p>GCOR ?:</p> <p>Grant authority if requested block available; Deny authority if block unavailable</p>	<p>Grant authority if requested block unavailable; Deny authority if block available</p>	Does nothing

## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – Train Crew Response***

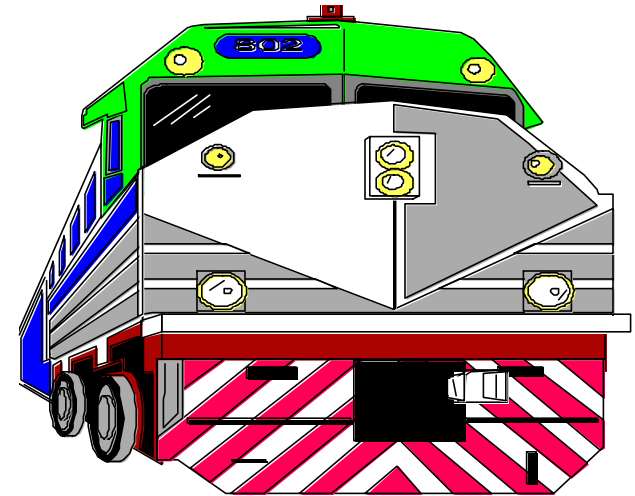
Actual Stimulus	Train Crew Behavior		
	Correct Action (Compliance To Rule)	Erroneous Action (Non-Compliance Rule)	Non-Response
Radio communication from dispatcher: Grants authority to available appropriate block	GCOR ?:  Move train at restricted speed through block and resume speed after rear of train has past restricted area	Increase speed within a range from current to maximum speed attainable by train	Does nothing
		Decrease speed within a range from zero to current	
		Apply full service braking	
		Apply emergency braking	

## ***Knowledge Based Blackboard – Train Crew Response***

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Radio communication from dispatcher: Grants authority to available appropriate block	Safe Train Movement	Safe Train Movement	EPAD	Safe Train Movement	EPAD Incident/Accident	Safe Train Movement
			EPAD Incident/Accident Over speed work zone			



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## ***Choice Model Knowledge-Based Blackboards***

***Dr. Donald E. Brown***

## ***Agenda***

- Review of existing ASCAP Agent Model
- Definitions
- Choice Model Overview
- Example

## *Review of Existing Agent Model*

- Agent model requires identification of intermediate behavioral states
  - Recognition
  - Interpretation
  - Coverage
  - Compliance
- Difficulties exist in obtaining probabilistic identification of behavioral states
- Choice process is limited
  - Does agent recognize need to act?
  - If the agent recognizes need to act, does the agent select the correct action (rule book compliant)?

## ***ASCAP Agent Model Requirements***

- Agent model must support various entities
  - Train Crew
  - Dispatcher
  - Roadway Worker
- Agent choices contingent upon physical environment
- Agent choices must allow for both correct (rule book compliant) actions & erroneous (rule book non-compliant) actions
- Knowledge based blackboard actions must be probabilistically assigned
  - Conditioned on physical environment
  - Conditioned on the present stimulus

## *Choice Model*

- Used to identify an agents behavior
  - Assigns a range of probabilities to a set of possible choices (actions)

## *Environment*

- State of physical surroundings at a specific instant that influences the decision that an agent takes
  - Train-centric snapshot
    - ◆ Train speed
    - ◆ Position
    - ◆ Weight
    - ◆ Length
    - ◆ Etc.

## ***Environmental Attributes***

- Measurable attributes associated with environment
- Unique set of attributes per agent
  - Rule book knowledge
  - Braking Safety
  - Operational Priority
  - L/V Ratio



## ***Performance Shaping Factors (PSF)***

- Agent attributes (scaled between 0 and 1) that influence agent choice
  - Experience
    - ◆ Function of the years of operation on a particular track or corridor
  - Training
    - ◆ Function of the amount of formal training.
  - Fatigue
    - ◆ Function of the length of time on duty and associated stress
  - Distraction
    - ◆ Function of concurrent agent activities

## *Stimulus*

- An object or agent within the ASCAP simulated environment that demands an action from an agent.
  - Permanent speed sign
  - 3-Lamp Intermediate Signal
  - Flagging
- An agent must act when a stimulus coincides with their current environment

## *Utility Model*

- Function that assigns a measurement identifying the level of satisfaction that an agent has for a given choice.
  - Level of satisfaction derived from an agent's preference for the set of available choices
  - Measurement is subjective with an expected level of uncertainty
  - Decision maker picks the alternative that provides the highest expected utility value

## ***Choice Model Description***

- Describes an agent's behavior when selecting an action
  - Characterizes the “choice” process of agent
    - ◆ Agent attributes
    - ◆ Characteristics associated with each feasible action (choice)

## ***Choice Model Benefits***

- Assigns probabilities to actions considering multiple influences
  - Stimulus
  - Environment
  - Performance Shaping Factors

## ***Choice Model Assumptions***

- Independence between different environments
- Independence between alternative actions
- Weibull distribution for random utility component
  - McFadden (1973) Consumer behaviors
  - Ben-Akiva and Lerman (1985) Travel demand

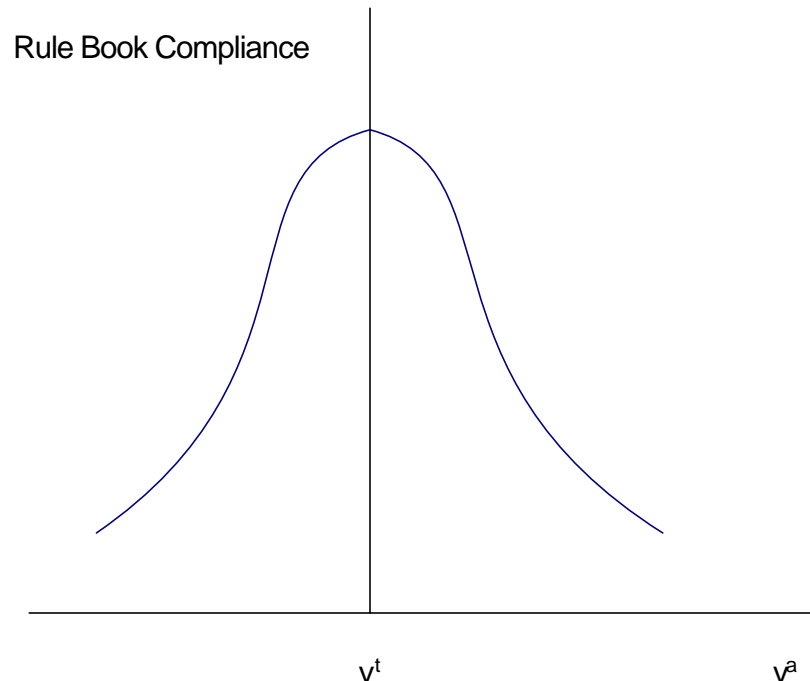
## ***Defining the Initial Choice Model***

- Model tuning and choice model calibrator
  - Calibrate the model with “agent in the loop” simulation
    - ◆ Environmental attributes
    - ◆ Performance Shaping Factors

## Environmental Attributes – Rule Book Knowledge

- Measurement of compliance to the selected action with the railroad operational rule book

$$f_C(v^a - v^t) = \exp(-(v^a - v^t))$$



$v^t$ : speed in selected action

$v^a$ : Relative hours behind schedule  
(relative to actual start time)



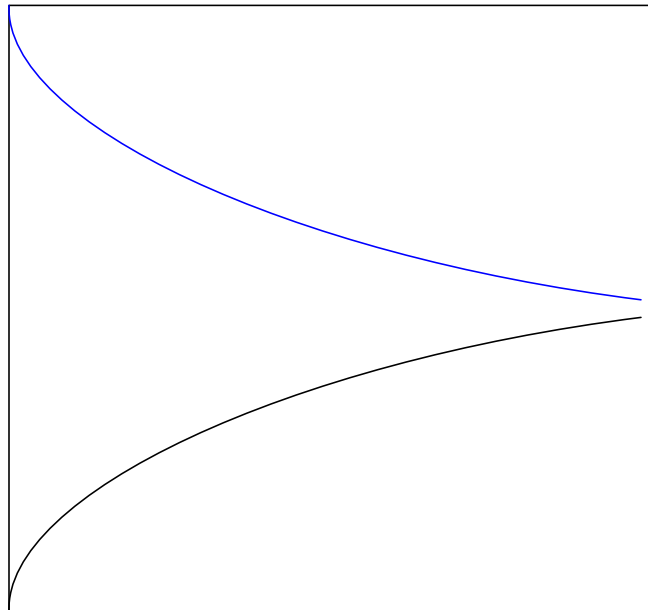
## Environmental Attributes – Braking Safety

- Measurement of braking safety

$$f_s(v^a) = 1 / f_{braking\ distance}(v^a)$$

Braking Safety

Train Speed  $v^a$



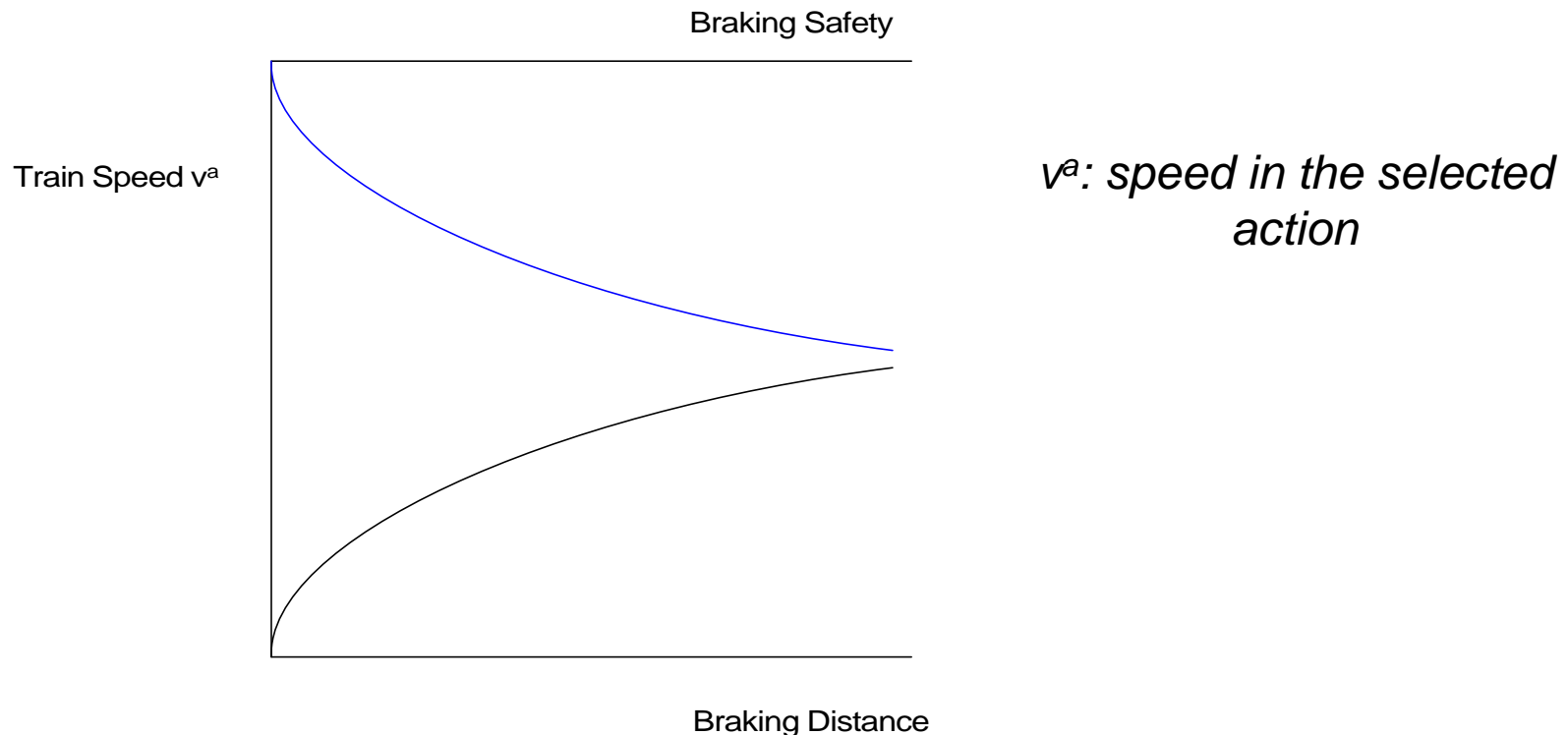
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Braking Distance

## Environmental Attributes – Operational Priority

- Measurement of train crew stress relative to schedule

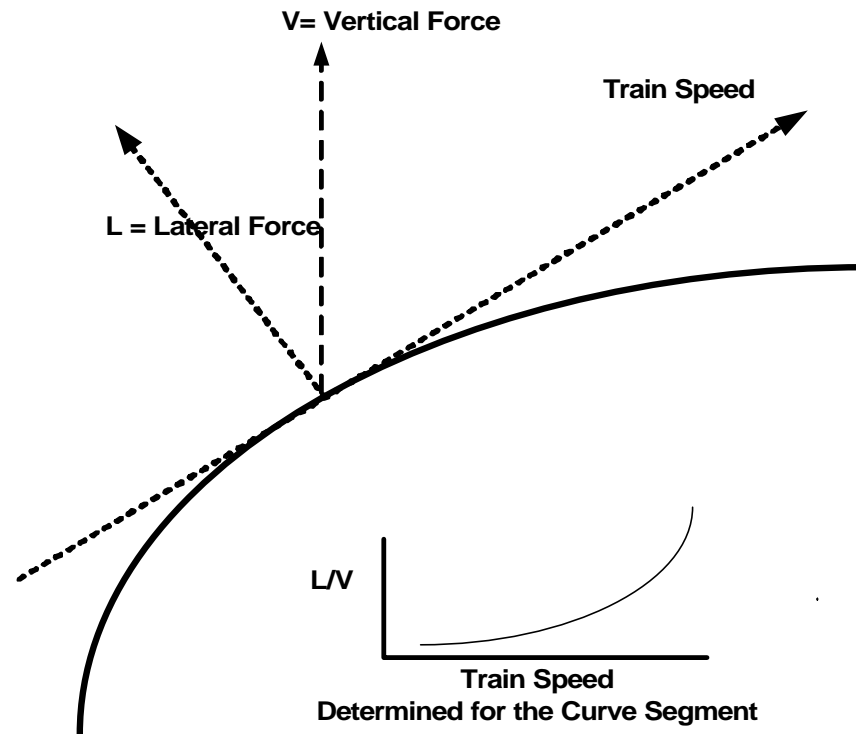
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## Environmental Attributes – L/V Ratio

- Measurement of derailment safety

$$f_D(L, V) = (\text{Lateral Force}) / (\text{Vertical Force})$$



## Utility Function of an Agent

$$U( action_i | stimulus, PSF_d ) = \sum_j \mathbf{b}_d^j X_{PSF_d}^j + \sum_k \mathbf{b}_i^k X_{EA_i}^k + \mathbf{e}_{id}$$

- $X_{PSF_d}$ : Performance Shaping Factors of agent
- $X_{EA_i}$ : Environmental attributes of action I
- $\beta_d, \beta_i$ : Choice model parameters
- $\varepsilon_{id}$ : Utility function random component
  - Independent & identically distributed

## ***Derivation of Choice Model Probabilities***

$$P( action_i | stimulus, PSF_d ) = \frac{\exp(\sum bX_{PSF_d} + \sum bX^i_{EA} )}{\sum_j \exp(\sum bX_{PSF_d} + \sum bX^j_{EA} )}$$

## ***Choice of Actions***

- Correct action (rule book compliant)
  - Action 1: Change speed from 45 MPH to 30 MPH
- Erroneous action (rule book non-compliant)
  - Action 2: Change speed: 30 MPH < set speed < Maximum speed attainable by train
  - Action 3: Change speed: 0 MPH < set speed < 30 MPH
  - Action 4: Apply full service braking
  - Action 5: Apply emergency braking
- Non-response
  - Action 6: Keep train speed at 45 MPH

## ***Environmental Attributes***

	Rule Book Knowledge	Braking Safety	Operational Priority	L/V Ratio
Action1	1	0.6	0	0.6
Action2	0.18	0.0625	0	1.2
Action3	0.18	0.8	0	0.4
Action4	0.01	1	0	1.4
Action5	0.01	1	0	1.6
Action6	0.1	0.25	0	0.8

## ***Performance Shaping Factors***

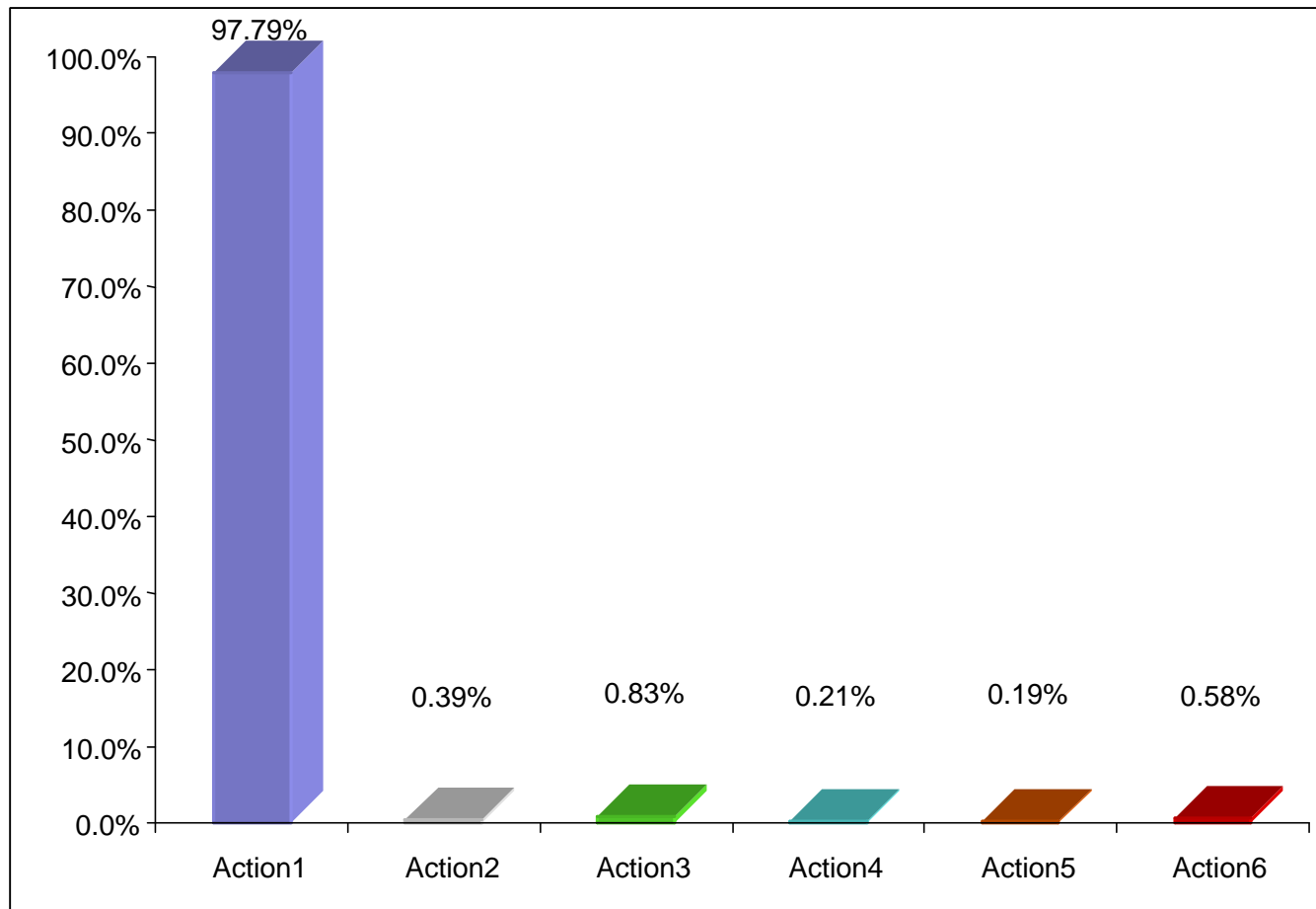
	Experience	Training	Fatigue	Distraction
Train Crew	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.5



## ***Choice Model Probabilities***

	Probability
Action1	0.977
Action2	0.006
Action3	0.008
Action4	0.002
Action5	0.002
Action6	0.004

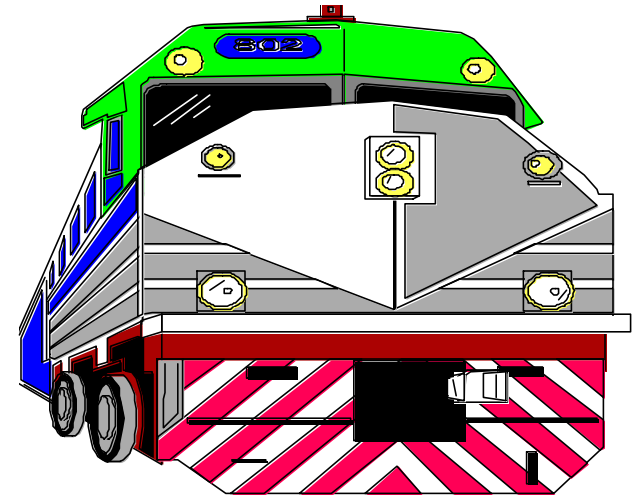
## Choice Model Probabilities



## ***Conclusions***

- Choice model provides a new method for selecting knowledge based blackboard actions
- Performance Shaping Factors and environmental attributes influence agent decision making process
- Probabilities dynamically assessed

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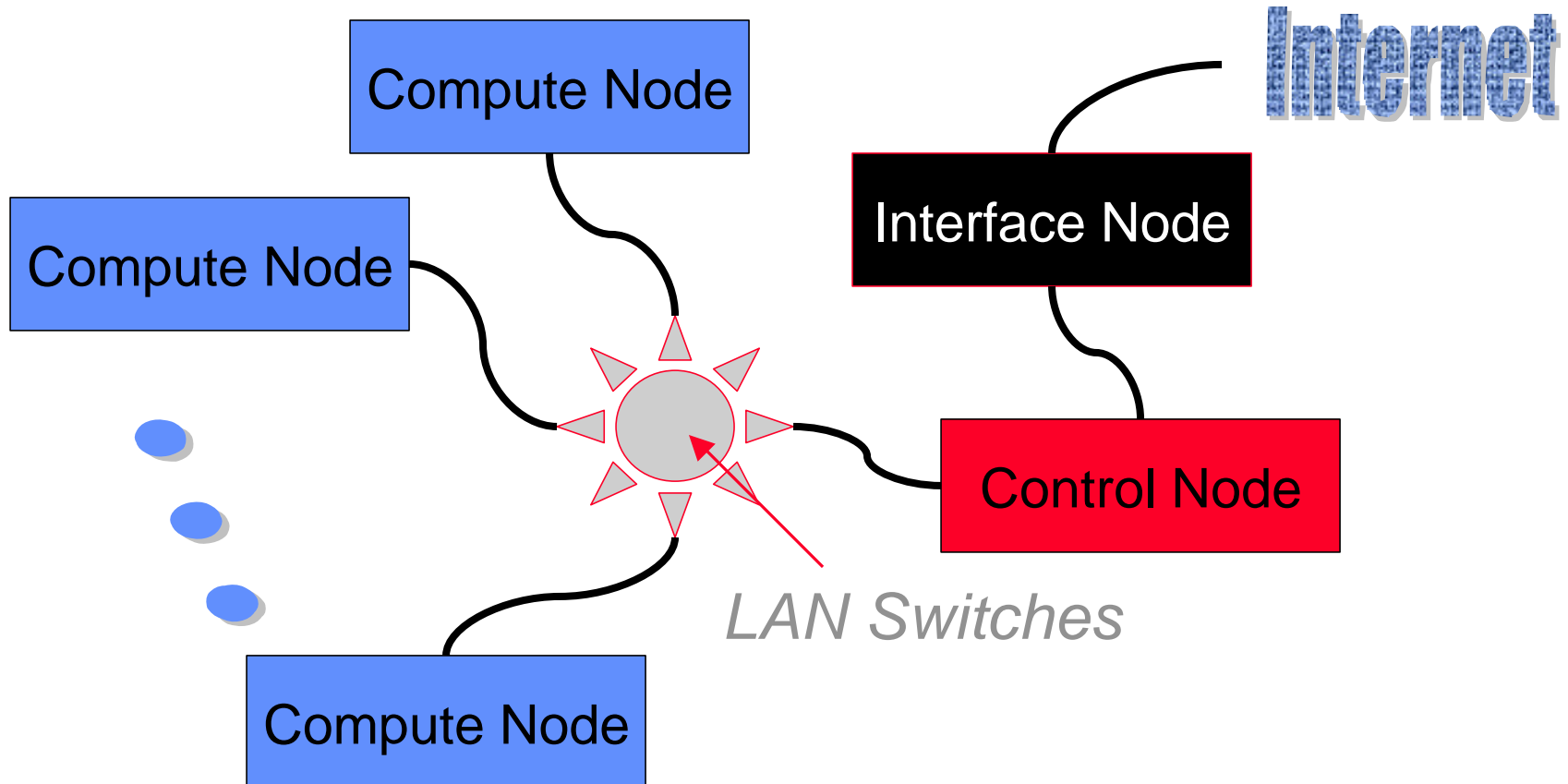
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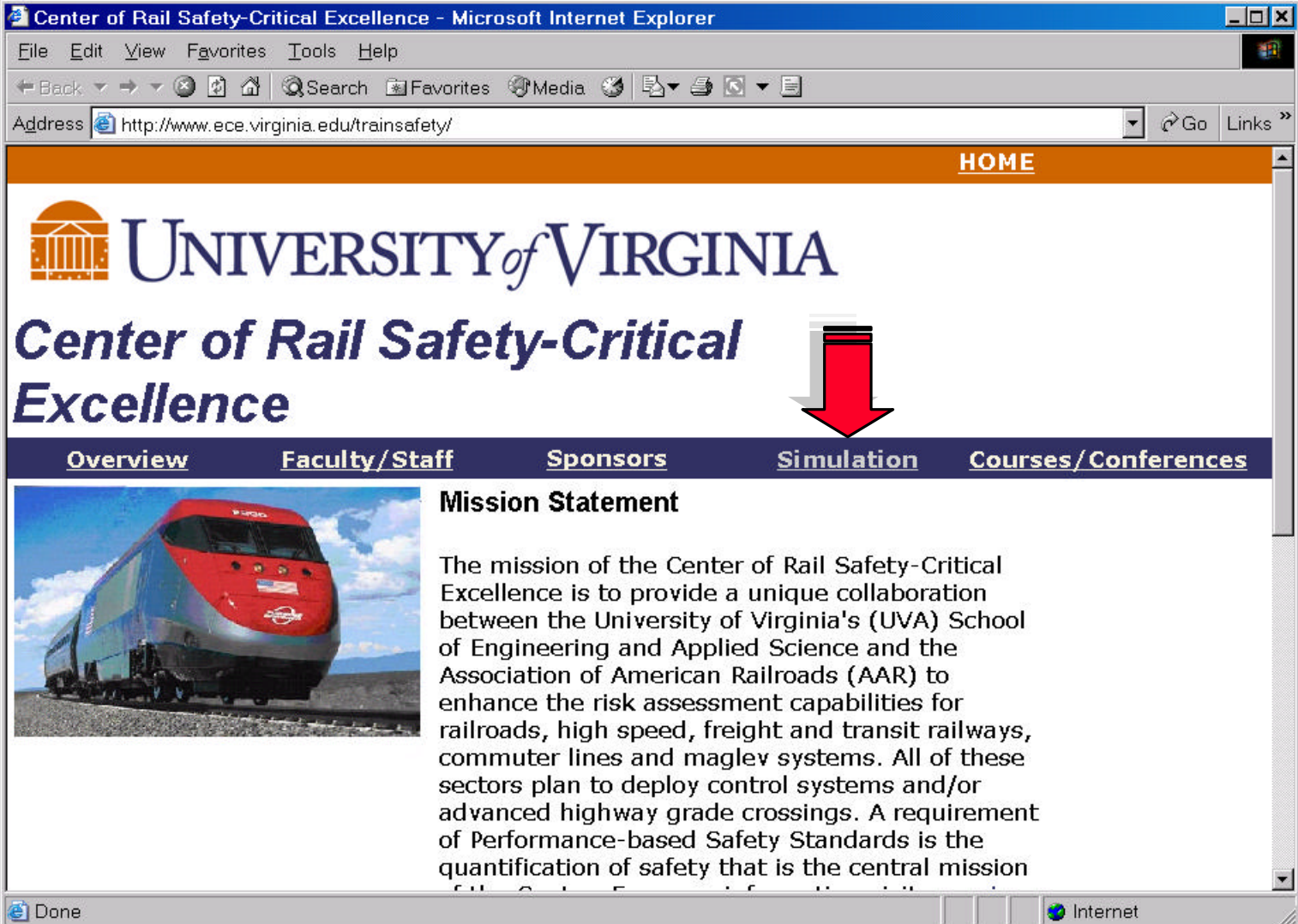
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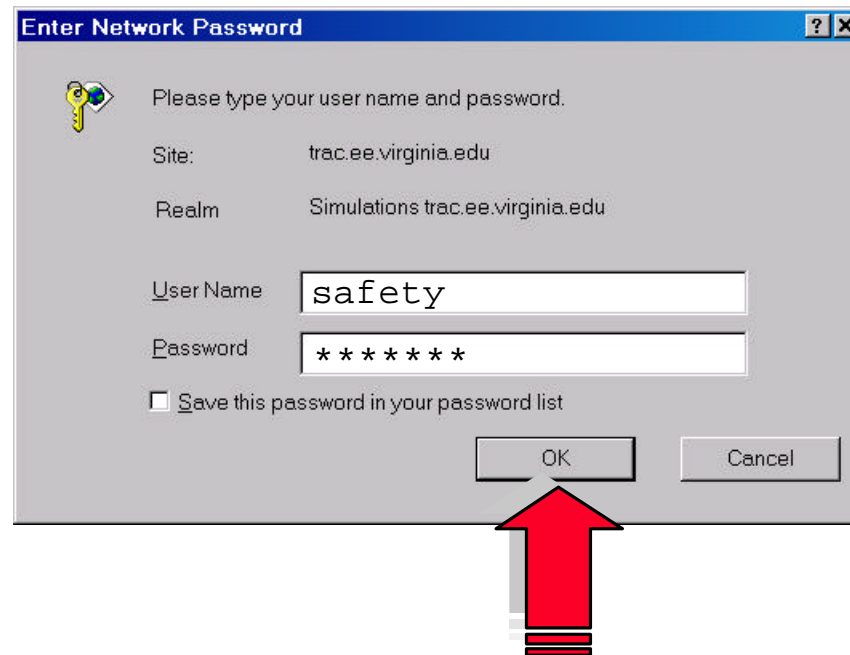
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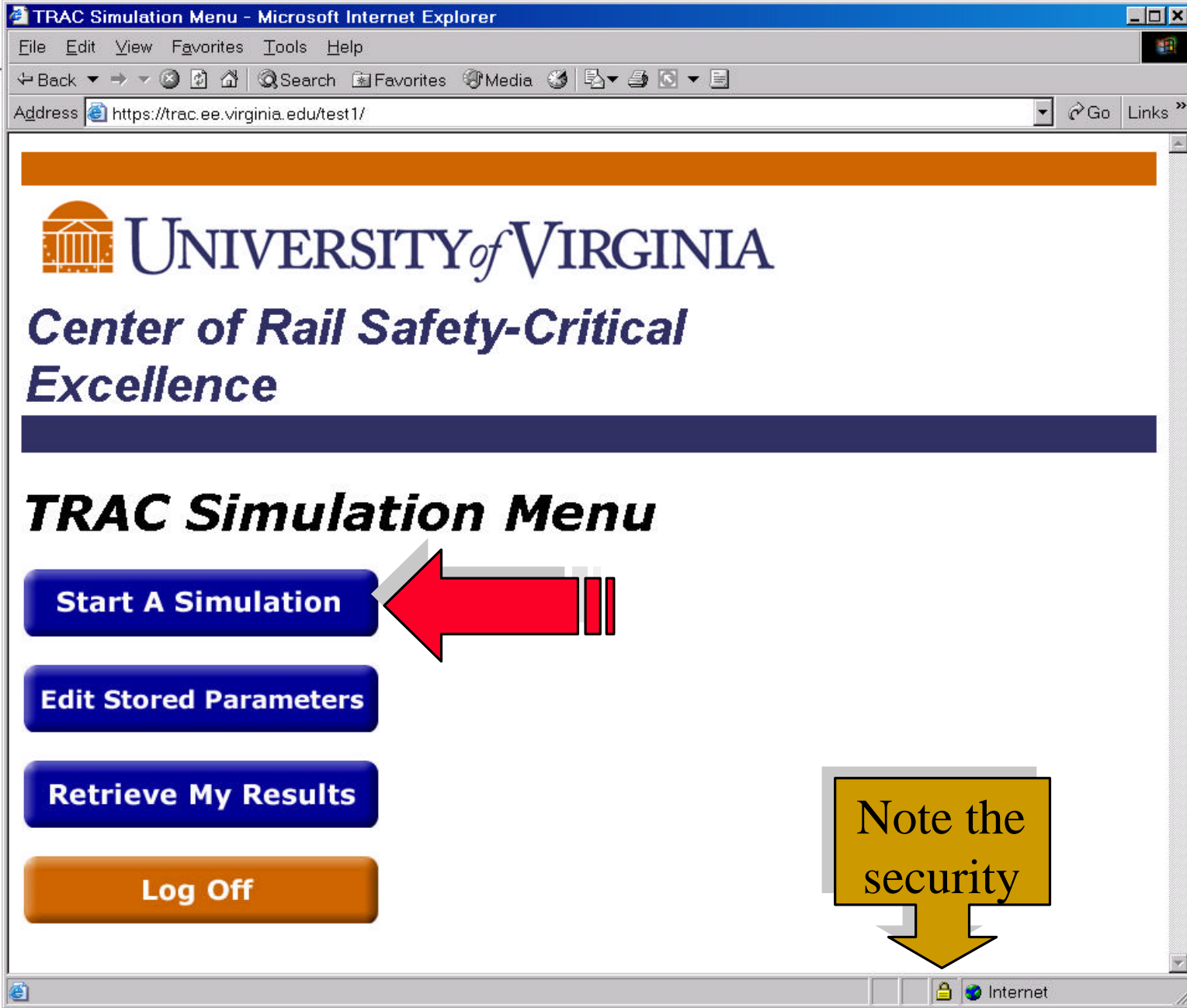
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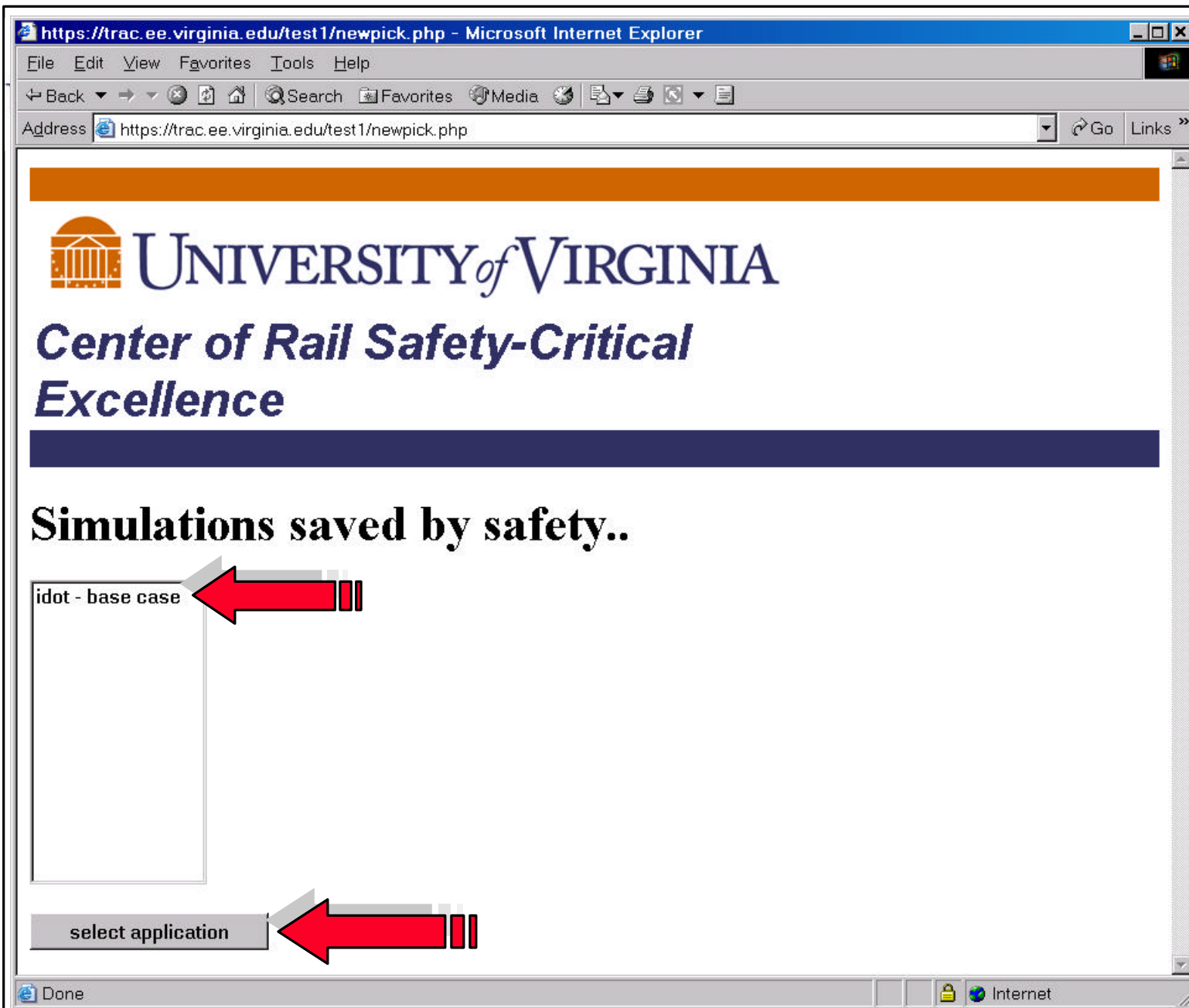






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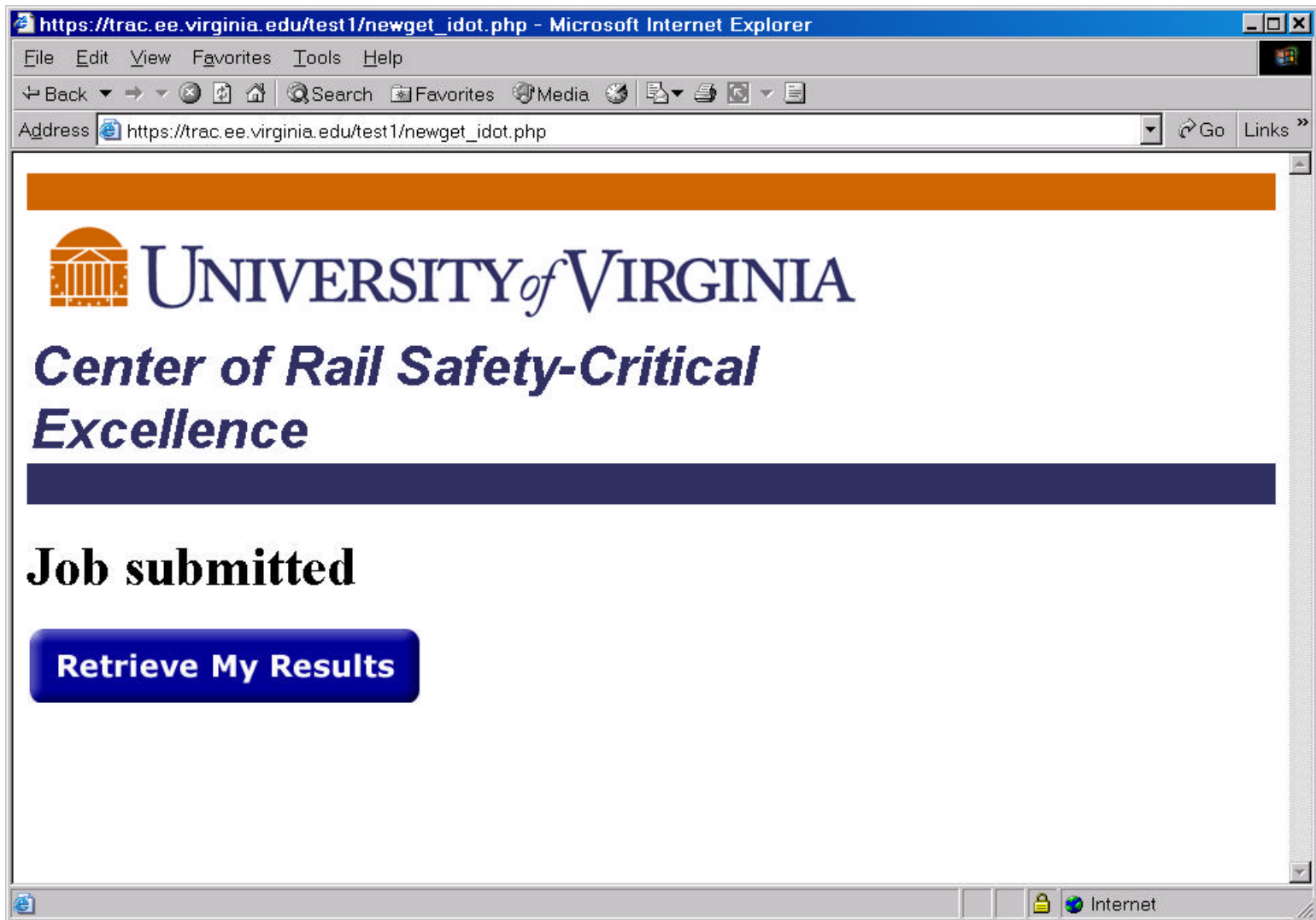
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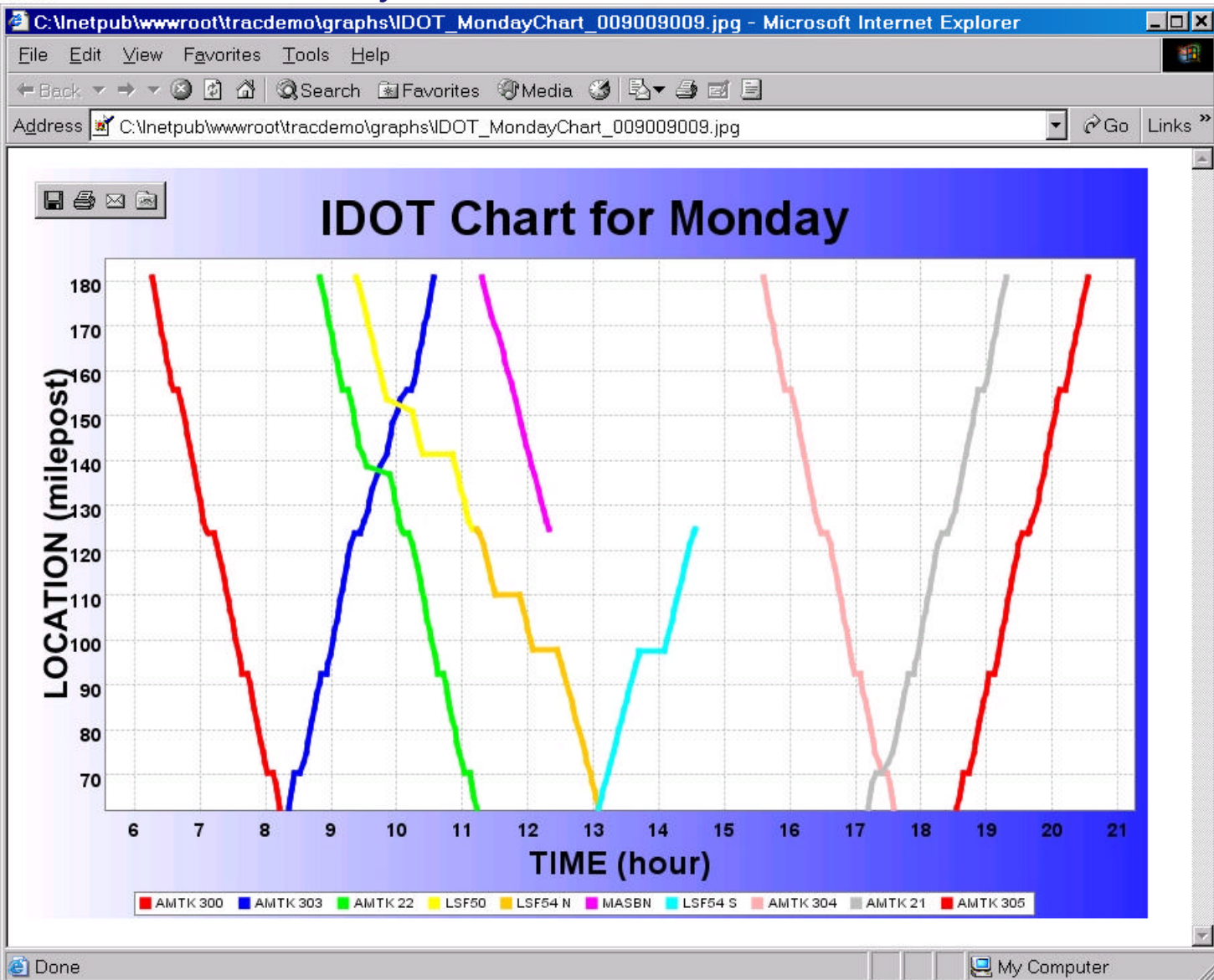
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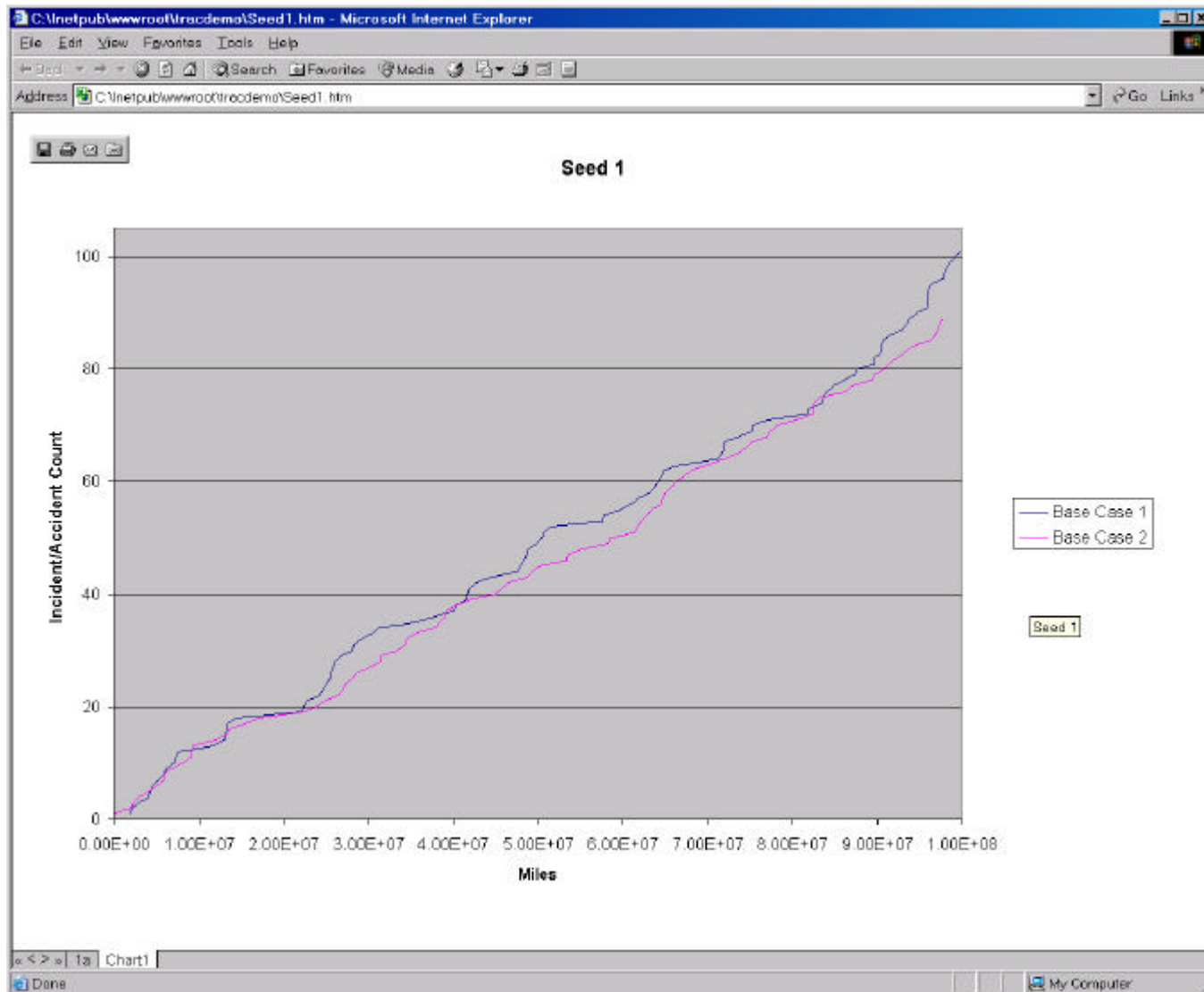
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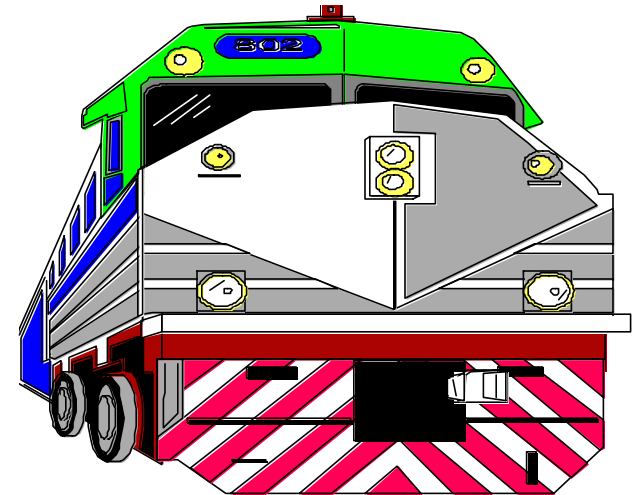
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